Content for Servicenow HRSD :-

1. Introduction to HRSD

- Overview of ServiceNow and HRSD
- Key benefits of HRSD
- Understanding the HRSD architecture
- HRSD vs traditional HR systems
- HRSD licensing tiers (Standard, Professional, Enterprise)

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2. HRSD Core Setup

- Activating HRSD plugins
- Configuring HRSD roles and permissions
- Data privacy and security setup (Data Separation)
- Overview of HR Case tables and lifecycle
- Best practices in HR case design

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3. HR Case Management

- HR Case types and templates
- Case lifecycle: Creation to Closure
- Escalation, Reassignment, and SLAs
- Workflows and Flow Designer
- Creating and using HR Case templates
- Auto-assignment rules

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4. HR Knowledge Management

- Creating HR knowledge articles
- Categories and taxonomies
- Knowledge feedback and versioning
- Knowledge blocks and reusable content
- Role-based article visibility

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5. HR Services & Catalog

- Creating HR services and catalog items
- Setting up service request workflows
- Variables, record producers, and templates
- Service level management
- Approval configurations

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6. HR Lifecycle Events

- Introduction to Lifecycle Events (LE)
- Types: Onboarding, Offboarding, Parental Leave, etc.
- LE templates and tasks
- Triggers based on HCM data (e.g., Workday)
- Events vs Ad-hoc task plans

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7. Employee Service Center (ESC) / Portal

- Overview of Employee Center / ESC Pro
- Branding the portal (themes, images)
- Widgets, menus, and knowledge integration
- Configuring user access and visibility
- Deep link integrations

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8. Document Management

- Generating documents with templates
- Integration with DocuSign / Adobe Sign
- Secure document storage and retrieval
- Linking documents to cases and LEs

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9. HR Agent Workspace

- Setting up and customizing the workspace
- Managing cases and tasks from workspace
- Agent productivity tools (UI Actions, macros)
- Using playbooks (optional)

10. Advanced HRSD Features

- Employee Journey Management (EJM)
- Allegation Management
- Employee Relations Case Management
- Total Rewards configuration
- AI Search and Predictive Intelligence

11. Integrations

- HCM Integrations (Workday, SAP, Oracle)
- MID Server overview
- Data sync: Import sets and transform maps
- Web Services: REST, SOAP APIs
- Scheduling and triggering integrations

12. Reporting and Dashboards

- Performance Analytics for HR
- Pre-built HR dashboards
- Custom report creation
- Real-time tracking and SLAs

13. Security & Compliance

- Contextual security and ACLs
- Scoped applications in HRSD
- Data separation for sensitive cases
- GDPR and audit compliance features

14. HRSD Implementation Strategy

- Gathering HR requirements
- Phased deployment vs Big Bang
- Governance and Change Management

- User Acceptance Testing (UAT)
- Post Go-Live support

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15. Real-World Scenarios & Labs

- HR case lifecycle walkthroughs
- Create onboarding lifecycle from scratch
- Build an HR knowledge base with feedback
- Configure an HR Service from design to delivery
- Simulated Workday integration

Module 1

Module 1: Introduction to ServiceNow HRSD

✅ 1. What is HRSD (Human Resources Service Delivery)?

ServiceNow HRSD is a cloud-based application suite that helps organizations deliver modern, digital HR services to employees. It's built on the Now Platform and allows employees to get help for HR needs through self-service, automated workflows, and case management.

💡 Key Concepts:

- Provides a consumer-grade experience to employees
- Centralizes HR service delivery
- Reduces manual HR work and improves compliance
- Supports employee lifecycle events like onboarding, transfers, and exits

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✅ 2. Benefits of Using HRSD

Benefit	Description
🧩 Unified Experience	Combines HR services, knowledge, and communication in one place
⏱️ Faster Issue Resolution	Automated workflows and intelligent routing reduce time to resolution
🔐 Secure Case Management	Role-based access ensures data privacy
📱 Omnichannel Support	Includes chat, mobile, email, and self-service portal
📊 Real-Time Analytics	Monitor service delivery performance with dashboards and KPIs

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✅ 3. HRSD Architecture

HRSD is built on the ServiceNow Now Platform, meaning it inherits:

- A common data model
- Reusability of platform capabilities (e.g., Flow Designer, Virtual Agent)
- Integration support via APIs and connectors

🔧 Core Layers:

- User Interface: Employee Service Center / Now Mobile
- Process Layer: Case Management, Lifecycle Events, Knowledge
- Data Layer: HR Tables, Knowledge Base, Documents

✅ 4. Key Components of HRSD

Component	Description
HR Case Management	Manage employee requests using cases and workflows
HR Knowledge Management	Provide articles and guides to help employees self-serve
Employee Service Center (ESC)	Portal for employees to request HR services
Lifecycle Events	Automate tasks for events like onboarding or leave
Document Management	Store and generate secure HR documents
HR Agent Workspace	Dedicated interface for HR agents to manage work

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✅ 5. HRSD vs Legacy HR Tools

Feature	Traditional HR Systems	ServiceNow HRSD
Interface	Forms and emails	Self-service portal & mobile
Workflows	Manual / Email-driven	Automated & rule-based
Knowledge Access	Scattered documents	Centralized knowledge base
Case Visibility	Limited tracking	Full lifecycle visibility
Security	Basic	Scoped app with data separation

✅ 6. HRSD Licensing Overview

ServiceNow offers different HRSD license tiers:

Tier	Inclusions
HRSD Core / Standard	Case Management, Knowledge, Document Mgmt, Portal

Tier	Inclusions
HRSD Professional	Adds Lifecycle Events, Mobile, Predictive Intelligence
HRSD Enterprise	Includes Employee Relations, Allegation Management, Journey Mgmt

Module 2: HRSD Core Setup – Complete Notes

🔹 2.1 Activating HRSD Plugins

✅ Key Plugins for HRSD:

To start using HRSD, you need to activate specific scoped apps and plugins:

Plugin Name	Plugin ID	Description
Human Resources Scoped App: Core	com.sn_hr_core	Required for all HRSD features – enables core tables and UI
Human Resources Lifecycle Events	com.sn_hr_lifecycle_events	For onboarding, offboarding, etc.
HR Document Management	com.sn_hr_document_management	For storing and generating documents
HR Service Portal	com.sn_hr_service_portal	Enables self-service experience
Employee Relations *(Enterprise)*	com.sn_hr_employee_relations	For confidential HR cases

Plugin Name	Plugin ID	Description
Employee Document Management	com.sn_hr_employee_document_management	Individual employee docs

⚙️ How to Activate:

1. Go to System Definition → Plugins
2. Search for the plugin
3. Click Activate/Request Activation (may require HI ticket for some)

🔹 2.2 Configuring HRSD Roles and Permissions

✅ Core HR Roles:

Role	Purpose
sn_hr_core.basic	Basic HR user access – view own cases, etc.
sn_hr_core.case_writer	Create/edit HR cases
sn_hr_core.manager	HR managers – can view/edit cases for team
sn_hr_core.admin	Full access – configure templates, services, etc.
sn_hr_sp.hrsm_agent	Role for agents working in Agent Workspace

🔐 Notes:

- Use Role Inheritance wisely to avoid excessive access
- Assign groups to users and link HR services to those groups
- Use ACLs and Data Separation (see below) to enforce privacy

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🔹 2.3 Data Privacy and Security Setup (Data Separation)

🔑 What is Data Separation?

- A privacy model ensuring that HR cases are only visible to authorized users
- Based on the relationship between:
    - HR Case → HR Profile → User

📁 Key Components:

- sn_hr_core_profile: HR Profile table (link between user and employee data)
- Data separation rules determine case visibility

✅ How It Works:

1. Each HR case is tied to a profile record
2. Security rules check:
    - Case assignment group
    - HR user's role/group
    - Case's assigned topic/category
3. HR case visibility is limited to HR personnel with proper access

⚠️ Important:

- Sensitive cases (e.g., ER or Allegations) use additional restrictions
- Never grant admin role casually — it overrides separation

🔹 2.4 Overview of HR Case Tables and Lifecycle

📚 Key HRSD Tables:

Table Name	Description
sn_hr_core_case	Main table for HR cases
sn_hr_core_task	Sub-tasks related to HR cases
sn_hr_core_profile	Employee profile info (links to user record)
sn_hr_core_service	HR services catalog
sn_hr_le_lifecycle_event	Lifecycle event records
sn_hr_document	HR document records

🔁 Case Lifecycle (Typical Steps):

1. Case Creation – via portal, HR agent, or automation
2. Auto-assignment – based on topic/category/group
3. Case Work – sub-tasks, comments, document uploads
4. Resolution – HR agent marks complete
5. Closure – after employee confirms or period lapses

🔧 Case Properties:

- Case Number (auto)
- Subject & Description
- Assigned To / Group

- State & Priority
- Profile (Employee)

🔹 2.5 Best Practices in HR Case Design

✅ Design Guidelines:

1. Use HR Templates for consistent case creation
2. Minimize customizations – leverage Flow Designer
3. Set SLAs based on category (e.g., urgent payroll = 4h)
4. Enable notifications for both HR agents and employees
5. Use Knowledge Base links to auto-deflect common cases
6. Design cases to follow a clear lifecycle (Created → Assigned → Work in Progress → Resolved → Closed)

⚙️ Workflow Tips:

- Use Flow Designer for reusable case logic
- Use Record Producers to collect data at case creation
- Consider Playbooks for guided case handling (optional)

🧠 Summary:

- Activate necessary plugins to enable HRSD features
- Use scoped roles and data separation to enforce privacy
- Understand how HR cases relate to users and profiles
- Follow structured case lifecycles with workflows
- Design for scalability and consistency using templates and rules

Module 3 :-

HR Case Management - Complete Notes

✅ HR Case Types and Templates

HR Case Types:

- Define the category of HR services (e.g., Benefits, Payroll, Employee Relations).
- Each case type is linked to a topic category and a template.
- Examples:
  - General Inquiry
  - Request for Leave
  - Payroll Issue
  - Onboarding/Offboarding

HR Case Templates:

- Predefined configurations to standardize case creation.
- Templates include:
  - Pre-populated fields (category, priority, assignment group)
  - Tasks/subtasks
  - Associated documents
  - Scripts or instructions
- Helps ensure consistency and automation.

✅ Case Lifecycle: Creation to Closure

1. Case Creation
   - Created via: HR Portal, HR Agent Workspace, Walk-up, Email, or API.
   - Can be created manually or automatically (e.g., via an HR Service).
   - Templates can be applied during creation.
2. Case Assessment
   - Case is reviewed for completeness and correctness.
   - Categorization, priority, and assignment.
3. Work in Progress
   - Assigned to HR agents.

    - Tasks are created and executed.
    - Communication with the employee.
4. Resolution
    - Once tasks are completed, the resolution is added.
    - Optionally reviewed by another agent or auto-resolved if criteria are met.
5. Closure
    - Final status is set to Closed Complete or Closed Incomplete.
    - Feedback or surveys can be triggered.

✅ Escalation, Reassignment, and SLAs

Escalation:

- Manual or automatic escalation based on:
    - SLA breaches
    - Priority
    - Employee impact
- Typically involves changing assignment or priority.
- Notifications and escalated queues can be triggered.

Reassignment:

- Cases can be reassigned to:
    - Another agent
    - Another HR group
- Manual reassignment or based on Auto-assignment rules.

SLAs (Service Level Agreements):

- Track time to respond and resolve.
- SLA conditions are based on case priority and type.
- Examples:
    - Respond within 1 hour
    - Resolve within 8 hours
- SLA stages: In Progress, Paused, Completed, Breached

✅ Workflows and Flow Designer

Workflows:

- Traditional Graphical Workflow Editor used for complex automation.
- Used to:
    - Create tasks
    - Send notifications
    - Auto-close or update records

Flow Designer:

- Modern, no-code platform to automate processes.
- Flow includes:
    - Trigger (e.g., case created)
    - Actions (e.g., Assign case, Send email, Create task)
- Easier to use and maintain than workflows.

HRSD uses Flows more than legacy Workflows.

✅ Creating and Using HR Case Templates

Steps to Create a Template:

1. Navigate to HR Case Templates.
2. Click New and fill in:
    - Name, Short Description
    - Topic category
    - Assignment group
    - Priority, Watch list, Instructions
3. Optionally define:
    - Tasks
    - Documents
    - Pre-filled variables
4. Publish or make available for use in HR Services.

Using Templates:

- Automatically applied when HR Service is selected.
- Can be applied manually when creating a case.
- Ensures standard handling and automation.

✅ Auto-assignment Rules

Purpose:

- Automatically assign cases to the right group or agent.

How it works:

- Based on:
    - Topic category
    - Location
    - Case priority
    - User criteria

Auto-assignment Setup:

1. Navigate to HR Assignment Rules.
2. Define conditions (e.g., Topic = Payroll, Location = NY).
3. Define assignment group or user.

Best Practices:

- Use most specific rule first (Service + Location + Priority).
- Add fallback/general rules.
- Test rules before deploying to production.

Module 4 :-

HR Knowledge Management – Complete Notes (ServiceNow HRSD)

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- ✅ Creating HR Knowledge Articles
- 🔹 Purpose:
- Provide self-service support to employees.
- Reduce HR case volume by empowering users with answers.
- 🔹 Article Creation Methods:
- HR agents or Knowledge managers can create articles.
- From scratch or convert a resolved HR case into a knowledge article.
- 🔹 Article Fields:
- Title
- Knowledge base (e.g., HR Knowledge Base)
- Category
- Content (HTML/WYSIWYG editor)
- Attachments
- Valid from / to dates
- Language (for multilingual support)
- 🔹 Lifecycle Stages:
- Draft – In progress.
- Review – Submitted for review.
- Published – Live and accessible.
- Retired – Removed from public view.
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- ✅ Categories and Taxonomies
- 🔹 Categories:
- Used to organize articles within a knowledge base.
- Allow for structured browsing/navigation.
- Example Structure:
- Benefits

- Health Insurance
- Retirement Plans
- Time Off
- Leave of Absence
- Sick Leave
- 🔹 Taxonomy Best Practices:
- Keep it intuitive and employee-friendly.
- Align with HR services (e.g., use the same names).
- Limit depth to 2–3 levels for simplicity.
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- ✅ Knowledge Feedback and Versioning
- 🔹 Feedback:
- Users can provide:
- Was this helpful? Yes/No
- Comments or suggestions
- HR can analyze feedback for continuous improvement.
- 🔹 Article Rating:
- Based on usefulness, helps prioritize article improvements.
- 🔹 Versioning:
- Each edit creates a new version.
- Editors can compare versions or revert to previous versions.
- Audit trail for compliance and accuracy.
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- ✅ Knowledge Blocks and Reusable Content
- 🔹 Knowledge Blocks:
- Reusable content chunks used in multiple articles.
- Example: Standard disclaimers, policy statements, contact details.
- 🔹 Benefits:
- Ensure consistency across articles.
- Update once – reflects everywhere the block is used.

- 🔹 How to Use:
- Create a Knowledge Block.
- Insert into articles via Insert Content Block.
- Content is linked and updated centrally.
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- ✅ Role-based Article Visibility
- 🔹 Access Control:
- Article visibility is controlled by user criteria and roles.
- Common controls:
- Employee vs HR Agent
- Location-based access
- Department-based access
- 🔹 Setting Visibility:
- In the article settings, define:
- Can Read → who can view the article
- User Criteria → based on location, department, etc.
- 🔹 Knowledge Bases:
- Each base can have its own audience and permissions.
- Examples:
- HR Internal KB (only HR staff)
- HR Self-Service KB (employees)
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- 📌 Bonus: HR Knowledge Best Practices
- Keep articles clear and concise.
- Use bullet points, headings, and keywords.
- Review articles periodically for relevance.
- Link knowledge articles to HR services and cases for proactive suggestions.

Module 5 :- HR Services & Catalog

1. Creating HR Services and Catalog Items

HR Services

HR Services are broad categories or types of services that are provided to employees (e.g., Benefits, Leave Requests, Onboarding, etc.). These are usually high-level, such as "Employee Onboarding" or "Payroll Assistance."

- Steps to Create an HR Service:
    1. Navigate to: HR Administration > HR Services.
    2. Click on New to create an HR service.
    3. Fill in Key Details:
        - Name: A descriptive title (e.g., "Employee Onboarding").
        - Category: The general category for the HR Service (e.g., "HR Cases").
        - Description: Detailed explanation of the HR Service.
        - Case Type: The type of case that will be associated (e.g., "Onboarding").
        - Activity Type: Define which types of activities (e.g., tasks, approvals) are part of this service.
    4. Publish: After creation, publish the HR service so employees can access it in the catalog.

Catalog Items

Catalog items represent individual requests or actions under an HR service (e.g., "Request Vacation", "Benefits Enrollment").

- Steps to Create a Catalog Item:
    1. Navigate to: Service Catalog > Catalog Items.
    2. Click on New to create a catalog item.
    3. Define Catalog Item:
        - Name: Descriptive name (e.g., "Request a Leave of Absence").
        - Description: A detailed description of what this catalog item does.
        - Service Offering: Select the appropriate HR Service to associate the catalog item with (e.g., "Leave Management").
        - Variables: Define any input fields required to process the request (e.g., start date, end date for a leave request).
    4. Save and Publish: Ensure the item is published to be available to employees.

2. Setting up Service Request Workflows

Service Request workflows automate and define the steps to process a service request.

Steps to Set Up a Service Request Workflow:

1. Navigate to: Workflow > Workflows.
2. Create New Workflow:
   - Click New to create a workflow for the specific HR Service.
   - Define Workflow: Name the workflow (e.g., "Leave Request Workflow").
3. Design Workflow Activities:
   - Drag and drop activities into the workflow, such as:
     - Task Creation: Create tasks to be completed by HR.
     - Approvals: Add approval activities (e.g., manager approval for time off).
     - Notifications: Send notifications to employees or HR staff.
   - Transitions: Define the flow from one activity to another (e.g., from "Approval" to "Task Creation").
4. Configure Workflow for HR Service:
   - Associate the workflow with the HR service.
   - Define conditions or triggers for when this workflow should run.
5. Test and Activate:
   - Ensure that the workflow runs as expected before activation.
   - Activate it to make it live.

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3. Variables, Record Producers, and Templates

Variables

Variables are used within catalog items and record producers to capture user input. They define fields that appear to users when they request a service.

- Types of Variables:
  - Single Line Text: A simple text input field.
  - Multi-Line Text: A text area for more detailed information.
  - Choice List: A dropdown menu for selecting from predefined options.
  - Date: A field for selecting dates.
- Steps to Create Variables:

1. Navigate to: Service Catalog > Catalog Variables.
2. Click New to create a variable.
3. Define Variable:
    - Name: A short, descriptive name.
    - Type: Select the type of variable (e.g., Choice, Date).
    - Description: An optional field to describe the variable’s purpose.

- Variable Sets:
    - Group common variables into Variable Sets to reuse across multiple catalog items.

Record Producers

Record Producers allow users to create records in other tables (such as creating a new HR case, request, or incident) directly from the service catalog.

- Steps to Create a Record Producer:
    1. Navigate to: Service Catalog > Record Producers.
    2. Click New to create a record producer.
    3. Define Record Producer:
        - Name: Descriptive title (e.g., "Request Paid Time Off").
        - Target Table: The table where the record will be created (e.g., HR Case).
        - Variables: Add any variables that users need to fill out.
    4. Test and Activate: After testing, activate the record producer to make it available in the catalog.

Templates

Templates in ServiceNow are predefined sets of information for catalog items. They help streamline the request process by automatically filling out certain fields.

- Steps to Create a Template:
    1. Navigate to: Service Catalog > Catalog Item Templates.
    2. Create Template:
        - Choose the Catalog Item to associate with the template.
        - Pre-define field values that users can apply automatically.

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4. Service Level Management (SLM)

Service Level Management ensures that service levels (SLA, OLA) for HR services are met and tracked. SLM is essential for ensuring that HR services are delivered in a timely manner.

SLAs (Service Level Agreements):

- SLAs define response and resolution times for service requests.
- In HRSD, SLAs are used to track the timeliness of HR services.

Steps to Set Up SLAs:

1. Navigate to: Service Level Management > SLAs.
2. Click New to create a new SLA definition.
3. Define SLA Conditions:
   - Service Level Target: The expected time for resolving the request.
   - Breach Criteria: What constitutes a breach (e.g., exceeding the target time).
   - SLA Type: Determine whether it’s a Response SLA (time to first response) or Resolution SLA (time to resolution).
4. Associate SLA with HR Service:
   - Link the SLA to specific HR services or catalog items.

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5. Approval Configurations

Approvals are often required in HR services, particularly for requests that need managerial or HR validation.

Steps to Set Up Approval Configurations:

1. Navigate to: HR Administration > Approval Definitions.
2. Create Approval Definition:
   - Define the Approvers (e.g., managers, HR team members).
   - Set conditions for when approvals are needed (e.g., for "Leave of Absence" requests).
3. Approval Rules:
   - Set conditions that determine whether approvals are required (e.g., if the requested time off exceeds a certain duration).
4. Approval Workflow:
   - Integrate approvals into the workflow. For example, before processing the leave request, HR needs to approve it.

Approval Types:

- Single Approver: One approver is sufficient to approve the request.
- Multiple Approvers: Multiple approvers need to validate the request (e.g., manager + HR).

Approval Notifications:

- Notifications are sent to approvers to take action (approve or reject the request).
- Set reminder notifications if the approval is delayed.

Module 6 :-
HR Lifecycle Events (LE)

1. Introduction to Lifecycle Events (LE)

HR Lifecycle Events (LE) in ServiceNow HRSD represent significant events that occur during an employee's lifecycle at a company, from onboarding to offboarding and everything in between. These events are typically driven by organizational or personal milestones, and each event triggers specific actions, tasks, and processes to ensure smooth execution of HR services.

Key Characteristics of Lifecycle Events:

- Automation: LEs automate many of the repetitive and manual HR tasks, ensuring consistency and efficiency in delivering HR services.
- Integrated with HR Cases: LEs typically generate HR Cases, tasks, and approvals.
- Driven by Milestones: Events are tied to major milestones in an employee's career lifecycle (e.g., hire, promotion, termination).

Workflow Involvement:

- HR lifecycle events typically trigger workflows that include task creation, approvals, notifications, and more, ensuring that every step in the lifecycle is properly managed.

2. Types of Lifecycle Events

There are several types of HR Lifecycle Events (LEs), each catering to a specific event or milestone in the employee lifecycle. These events ensure that HR services are provided efficiently and correctly.

Common Lifecycle Events:

1. Onboarding:
    - The process when a new employee joins the company.
    - Tasks may include provisioning equipment, setting up accounts, introducing the employee to their team, and more.
2. Offboarding:
    - The process when an employee leaves the company, whether voluntarily or involuntarily.
    - Tasks include account deactivation, asset retrieval, exit interviews, and other termination processes.
3. Parental Leave:

- This event triggers processes when an employee requests parental leave (e.g., maternity or paternity leave).
- Tasks include informing the team, coordinating with HR, and ensuring compliance with legal requirements.

4. Promotion:
    - This event covers the steps when an employee is promoted to a new role.
    - Tasks could involve updating job information, informing HR teams, and adjusting compensation.
5. Internal Transfers:
    - Employee moving to another department or location.
    - This would involve tasks related to knowledge transfer, role handover, and setup in the new team.
6. Absence Events:
    - Events like sick leave, vacation requests, etc., which trigger HR workflows to track and manage absence.
7. Retirement:
    - A specialized offboarding event for employees who retire from the organization.
    - Tasks could include final benefits review, pension processing, and exit interviews.

3. LE Templates and Tasks

Lifecycle Event Templates define a set of tasks and activities associated with a specific type of event (e.g., onboarding, offboarding). These templates streamline the process by pre-configuring all necessary tasks, workflows, and approvals.

Lifecycle Event Templates:

- Purpose: Templates help HR teams consistently manage similar lifecycle events. They define the series of tasks, approvals, and workflows that should be triggered when an event occurs.
- Creating Lifecycle Event Templates:
    1. Navigate to: HR Administration > Lifecycle Event Templates.
    2. Create a New Template: Select the event type (e.g., Onboarding).
    3. Define Tasks: Specify the tasks that should be included in the template. For instance, for onboarding, tasks might include "Provision Laptop," "Create Email Account," and "Schedule Orientation."
    4. Configure Task Dependencies: Define the order in which tasks should be completed, as well as dependencies between tasks (e.g., "Schedule Orientation" can only occur after "Laptop Provision").
    5. Approval Steps: Define any approval steps needed before moving to the next phase of the lifecycle event (e.g., manager approval for vacation leave).

- Task Types in Templates:
  - Manual Tasks: Tasks that HR or other personnel must complete manually.
  - Automated Tasks: Tasks that are completed automatically, such as sending an email or updating a field in the HR Case.
  - Approvals: Tasks that require an approval before proceeding.

Task Execution and Monitoring:

Once the lifecycle event is triggered, tasks defined in the template are executed. These tasks can be tracked for status (e.g., pending, completed), and workflows are triggered accordingly.

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4. Triggers Based on HCM Data (e.g., Workday)

HCM Data Integration plays a key role in triggering HR Lifecycle Events. For example, Workday (or other HCM platforms) often serves as the central source of employee data. When specific data is updated in the HCM system (such as a new hire, promotion, or termination), this can trigger lifecycle events in ServiceNow HRSD.

How Triggers Work:

1. HCM Integration:
   - ServiceNow integrates with HCM systems (like Workday) to receive real-time updates about employee data.
   - When an employee's record is updated in the HCM system (e.g., "Employee Status = Hired" or "Employee Status = Terminated"), it triggers the corresponding HR Lifecycle Event in ServiceNow.
2. Lifecycle Event Automation:
   - Onboarding: When a new employee's information is entered into the HCM system (e.g., Workday), it triggers the Onboarding Lifecycle Event in ServiceNow.
   - Offboarding: When an employee's termination or retirement status is updated in the HCM system, an Offboarding Lifecycle Event is triggered.
3. Event Trigger Configuration:
   - ServiceNow allows for configuring triggers based on Workday or other data sources.
   - Custom workflows can be set up to start the lifecycle event based on specific employee data changes (e.g., "Employee status changes to Active").
4. Data Mapping:
   - Data from the HCM system is mapped to ServiceNow fields, ensuring that when an employee's lifecycle event is triggered, all necessary data is available in the HR Case or task.

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5. Events vs Ad-Hoc Task Plans

While Lifecycle Events follow a standardized workflow with predefined templates and tasks, Ad-hoc Task Plans are more flexible and can be used for tasks that do not fall into a structured lifecycle event.

Lifecycle Events:

- Standardized and Predefined: These are generally predefined, structured processes for common HR milestones (e.g., onboarding, offboarding).
- Automation: Tasks, approvals, and notifications are automatically triggered based on the event type.
- Linked to HCM: Typically, lifecycle events are linked to HCM data, triggering the event based on changes to employee status.

Ad-Hoc Task Plans:

- Custom Tasks: These plans are not tied to a specific lifecycle event but are instead used for customized or one-off HR tasks (e.g., a special project).
- Flexibility: Ad-hoc task plans can be created on-the-fly, without needing to adhere to a specific template or predefined process.
- Use Cases: Examples include handling special HR requests like customized benefits, one-time leave approvals, or addressing specific employee concerns.

Key Differences:

- Predefined vs. Flexible: Lifecycle events are predefined with set templates, whereas ad-hoc task plans allow HR to define custom tasks as needed.
- Scope: Lifecycle events typically cover broader processes that affect many employees, while ad-hoc task plans address individual or specific needs.

Summary of HR Lifecycle Events (LE) in ServiceNow HRSD:

- HR Lifecycle Events are milestones in an employee's lifecycle (e.g., onboarding, offboarding) that trigger specific tasks, workflows, and HR processes.
- Event Templates define the tasks, dependencies, and approval processes for these events, ensuring standardization and efficiency.
- HCM Integration (e.g., Workday) ensures that updates to employee data automatically trigger relevant lifecycle events in ServiceNow.
- Events vs. Ad-hoc Task Plans: Lifecycle events follow structured templates, while ad-hoc task plans offer flexibility for custom tasks not tied to predefined events

Module 7 :-Employee Service Center (ESC) / Portal

1. Overview of Employee Center / ESC Pro

Employee Service Center (ESC) in ServiceNow HRSD provides a user-friendly, self-service portal where employees can access HR services, submit requests, and track the status of their HR cases. The Employee Center is designed to improve employee experience by offering streamlined access to various HR services and resources.

Key Features of Employee Service Center (ESC):

- Self-Service Portal: Employees can access HR services such as case management, requests, and knowledge articles from a central location.
- Personalized Dashboard: Employees can view their service requests, HR cases, and other relevant information through personalized widgets.
- Knowledge Integration: Knowledge articles are integrated into the portal, allowing employees to find answers to common HR-related questions without needing to submit requests.
- Multi-Channel Access: The Employee Service Center is available across multiple devices (desktop, mobile) for easy access anytime, anywhere.

ESC Pro:

ESC Pro is the advanced version of the Employee Service Center. It includes additional features like more customization options, enhanced security, and the ability to integrate with other ServiceNow modules (e.g., ITSM, Facilities).
Enhanced User Experience: ESC Pro offers a more intuitive user interface with better navigation.
Improved Workflows: It provides richer workflows for employees to track their HR requests and cases.
Integration: ESC Pro integrates seamlessly with HRSD, enabling HR to manage cases, workflows, and tasks more efficiently.

Branding the Portal (Themes, Images)

Branding the Employee Service Center is a crucial step to ensure that the portal aligns with the organization's corporate identity and provides an engaging user experience.

Branding the Employee Service Center:

Themes:

ServiceNow allows you to customize the look and feel of the portal using Themes.

Themes control the overall appearance of the portal, including colors, fonts, and layout.

Steps to Create or Customize a Theme:

Navigate to: Service Portal > Themes.

Create a New Theme or Edit an Existing Theme.

Set Theme Properties:

Logo: Add your organization's logo.

Colors: Define primary, secondary, and background colors.

Fonts: Customize font styles and sizes.

Navigation Bar: Adjust the navigation bar settings for consistent user experience.

Images:

Images such as logos, banners, and icons can be added to enhance the visual appeal of the Employee Service Center.

Steps to Add Images:

Navigate to Service Portal > Images.

Upload your images (e.g., logos, banners) and then use them within themes or widgets.

Images can also be added to Widgets to display custom graphics.

Custom HTML/CSS:

For further customization, you can add custom HTML or CSS to adjust the portal's layout and design.

Injecting Custom HTML/CSS: ServiceNow allows you to add custom CSS or HTML in the portal pages or widgets to achieve a fully tailored user experience.

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3. Widgets, Menus, and Knowledge Integration

Widgets are essential components of the Employee Service Center as they provide functionality and data to users. They can be used to display HR services, case statuses, knowledge articles, and more.

Widgets:

Widgets are the building blocks of the Employee Service Center. They allow you to display dynamic content, such as forms, lists, and calendars.

Common Types of Widgets:

Service Catalog Widgets: Display catalog items and HR services (e.g., requesting leave or submitting benefits inquiries).

Case Management Widgets: Allow employees to view, create, or update HR cases.

Knowledge Widgets: Display relevant knowledge articles to help employees self-service.

Steps to Create or Customize Widgets:

Navigate to: Service Portal > Widgets.

Click New to create a widget or Select an Existing Widget to modify.

Define Widget Properties: Customize the widget's functionality and appearance.

Add Widget to a Page: Once created, the widget can be added to the portal page for employees to use.

Menus:

Menus in the Employee Service Center define the navigation structure, allowing employees to easily access different HR services and resources.

Customizing Menus:

ServiceNow allows you to create or modify navigation menus for the Employee Service Center.

Menu Configuration: Navigate to Service Portal > Navigation Menus, and configure the menu items based on the HR services offered.

Menu Components:

Main Menu: The primary navigation for HR services (e.g., Onboarding, Leave Requests).

Submenus: Organize services into categories or groups for easy access.

Knowledge Integration:

Integrating Knowledge Management with the Employee Service Center allows employees to search and access knowledge articles directly from the portal.

Knowledge Base Widgets:

These widgets can be configured to display articles based on categories or keywords.

Self-Service Options: Employees can search for common HR-related questions (e.g., "How to apply for parental leave?" or "How to check my benefits status?").

Configuring Knowledge Widgets:

Navigate to: Service Portal > Widgets > Knowledge Base Widgets.

Add the widget to the portal to allow employees to search knowledge articles directly from the portal.

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4. Configuring User Access and Visibility

Access control is a critical aspect of configuring the Employee Service Center, ensuring that users can only access the HR services, cases, and resources relevant to them.

Configuring User Access:

User Roles:

Use ServiceNow roles to define user access. Roles control which services, HR cases, and features a user can access in the Employee Service Center.

Examples of Common Roles:

Employee: Standard employees who can access self-service features.

HR Representative: HR personnel who can view and manage HR cases.

Manager: Users with managerial permissions, who can approve certain HR requests.

User Groups:

ServiceNow allows you to create User Groups to group users with similar roles and permissions.

Groups can be associated with specific services and HR tasks to control visibility.

Access Control Lists (ACLs):

ACLs are used to control data visibility. By defining Read, Write, or Delete permissions, you can ensure that employees can only view or interact with their own cases or services.

Configuring ACLs:

Navigate to System Security > Access Control (ACL) to define who can access specific data or functionality in the portal.

Configuring Visibility:

User Profiles: ServiceNow uses user profiles (created from employee data) to personalize the portal. For instance, an employee's profile determines what services and cases are visible in the portal.

Dynamic Visibility: Customize visibility of services, knowledge articles, or tasks based on roles, location, department, etc.

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5. Deep Link Integrations

Deep Linking allows you to create direct URLs to specific pages, services, or content within the Employee Service Center. Deep links can streamline the user experience by providing shortcuts to relevant content.

Deep Link Features:

Direct Access: Deep links allow users to bypass the general navigation and access a specific page or service directly.

Custom Deep Links: You can configure custom links to specific services, cases, or knowledge articles.

Creating and Using Deep Links:

Steps to Create Deep Links:

Construct a URL that includes specific parameters (e.g., ServiceNow record IDs or table names).

For example, to link directly to an HR Case, you can use a deep link like:

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https://instance.service-now.com/HR_Case?sys_id=<sys_id>

Embedding Deep Links:

Deep links can be embedded in email notifications, chatbots, or knowledge articles.

They allow users to click on a link and be directly taken to the requested service or case in the Employee Service Center.

Link to HR Services or Cases:

Deep links can also be configured to directly open specific catalog items, HR services, or workflows, reducing the steps users need to take to access services.

Summary of Employee Service Center (ESC) / Portal in ServiceNow HRSD:

Employee Service Center (ESC) provides a centralized portal for employees to access HR services, submit requests, and track cases.

ESC Pro is the advanced version, offering enhanced features and better integration.

Branding allows you to customize themes, colors, images, and layout to align with company identity.

Widgets and Menus are used to display HR services and provide easy navigation.

Knowledge Integration ensures employees can easily access helpful articles without submitting requests.

User Access and Visibility are controlled through roles, groups, and ACLs to ensure personalized and secure access.

Deep Link Integrations provide shortcuts to specific pages or services within the portal.

Module 8 :- Document Management in ServiceNow HRSD

Document Management in ServiceNow HRSD allows organizations to handle documents related to HR cases, lifecycle events (LEs), and other employee services efficiently. ServiceNow provides tools to generate, store, retrieve, and manage documents, while also integrating with third-party e-signature platforms like DocuSign and Adobe Sign for a seamless digital workflow.

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1. Generating Documents with Templates

In ServiceNow HRSD, document generation is a key functionality that allows HR personnel to create standardized documents based on predefined templates. These templates can be customized to include dynamic data from employee records, HR cases, or lifecycle events.

Steps to Generate Documents:

1. Document Templates:
   - Document templates can be used to automatically generate contracts, offer letters, performance reviews, termination letters, and more.
   - Templates are created in the Document Management module or can be integrated into workflows.
2. Dynamic Data Insertion:
   - Templates can be customized with dynamic placeholders (e.g., employee name, department, start date) that are replaced with actual values when generating the document.
   - Data from HR Cases, Employee Records, or Lifecycle Events (LEs) can be pulled into the document during generation.
3. Steps to Create a Document Template:
   - Navigate to: Document Management > Templates > Create New.
   - Define Template: Add fields for the dynamic data (e.g., {{employee_name}}, {{position}}).
   - Design: Customize the layout using HTML or integration with a document processing tool (e.g., Microsoft Word).
4. Generate the Document:
   - Once the template is ready, you can generate documents from HR cases, requests, or lifecycle events.
   - Manual Generation: Users can click a button to generate the document manually.
   - Automatic Generation: Documents can be generated as part of a workflow (e.g., during onboarding or offboarding).

2. Integration with DocuSign / Adobe Sign

ServiceNow HRSD supports integration with DocuSign and Adobe Sign for electronic signatures, enabling secure document signing workflows directly within the platform.

DocuSign Integration:

DocuSign allows employees or managers to sign documents electronically, which is especially useful for legal or compliance documents such as contracts, NDAs, or termination agreements.

Steps for DocuSign Integration:

1. Install the DocuSign Plugin:
   - First, the DocuSign integration plugin must be installed in ServiceNow.
   - Navigate to System Applications > All Available Applications > All > Search for "DocuSign" and install it.
2. DocuSign Configuration:
   - After installation, configure the integration by entering DocuSign API credentials (username, password, integration key).
   - Set up DocuSign templates that define the documents to be signed.
3. Sending Documents for Signature:
   - Documents generated from templates can be sent for signing using the DocuSign integration.
   - Create a DocuSign envelope that includes the document to be signed, define recipients (e.g., employee, manager), and specify signature fields.
4. Tracking Signatures:
   - Once sent, you can track the document's signing status directly from ServiceNow (e.g., whether it’s been signed, awaiting signature, etc.).
5. Document Completion:
   - After the document is signed, it is automatically stored in ServiceNow, and you can access the signed document from the HR Case, request, or lifecycle event.

Adobe Sign Integration:

Adobe Sign is another e-signature solution that can be integrated similarly to DocuSign.

Steps for Adobe Sign Integration:

1. Install the Adobe Sign Plugin:
   - Navigate to the ServiceNow Store and search for the Adobe Sign plugin, then install it.

2. Set Up Adobe Sign:
   - Configure the Adobe Sign integration by entering API credentials from Adobe Sign.
3. Sending for Signature:
   - Like DocuSign, generate documents and send them for signing directly from ServiceNow using the Adobe Sign configuration.
4. Monitor and Manage Signatures:
   - Track the signing process and status within ServiceNow, and ensure that completed documents are stored securely.

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3. Secure Document Storage and Retrieval

ServiceNow provides a secure and compliant way to store documents generated as part of HR processes. Documents related to HR cases, lifecycle events (LEs), and employee records can be securely stored and easily retrieved for future reference.

Storing Documents:

- Document Management System (DMS): ServiceNow uses its Document Management System (DMS) to store all documents related to HR processes.
- Documents are stored in attachments that are linked to HR Cases, HR Services, Employee Records, and Lifecycle Events.

Security:

- Encryption: Documents are encrypted to ensure security and compliance with data protection regulations (e.g., GDPR, HIPAA).
- Access Control: ServiceNow allows you to configure Access Control Lists (ACLs) to restrict who can view, download, or edit specific documents based on roles or permissions.

Retrieving Documents:

- HR Cases: Documents associated with HR cases (e.g., performance reviews, disciplinary actions) are easily accessible from within the case.
- Employee Records: Documents such as employment contracts or medical records can be linked to an employee's record for future reference.
- Lifecycle Events: Documents like onboarding forms, offer letters, or offboarding documents can be stored and retrieved from specific lifecycle events.

Steps for Document Storage:

1. Create an HR Case or LE (e.g., onboarding).
2. Attach Documents to the case or event.
   - Navigate to the case/LE record, click Attachments, and upload or generate documents.

3. Access the Documents: Documents can be viewed directly from the HR case or event, ensuring quick access.

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4. Linking Documents to Cases and LEs

In ServiceNow HRSD, documents can be linked to HR Cases and Lifecycle Events (LEs) to ensure proper document management and traceability.

Linking Documents to HR Cases:

- HR Cases are the foundation for tracking specific employee requests or issues. Documents related to these cases, such as employee requests, performance reviews, or disciplinary records, can be attached for context.

Steps to Link Documents to HR Cases:

1. Open the HR Case.
2. Scroll down to the Attachments section.
3. Click the "Attach" button to upload a document or generate it from a template.
4. Select the document type (e.g., offer letter, performance review) and complete the action.

Linking Documents to Lifecycle Events (LEs):

- Documents can also be linked to specific Lifecycle Events (LEs) like onboarding or offboarding. For example, you can link an offer letter to an onboarding event or a termination agreement to an offboarding event.

Steps to Link Documents to LEs:

1. Open the relevant Lifecycle Event (e.g., Onboarding).
2. In the Attachments section, click Attach Document.
3. Choose the appropriate document (e.g., signed contract) and link it to the LE.
4. You can also automate the linking of documents to LEs using workflows or templates.

Summary of Document Management in ServiceNow HRSD:

- Generating Documents: Use templates to generate HR documents like offer letters, contracts, or termination letters, with dynamic data insertion.
- Integration with DocuSign/Adobe Sign: ServiceNow integrates with electronic signature platforms like DocuSign and Adobe Sign for secure and streamlined document signing.
- Secure Document Storage: Documents are securely stored within ServiceNow’s document management system, with encryption and access controls for compliance.
- Linking Documents: Documents can be attached to HR Cases, Lifecycle Events, and Employee Records, ensuring that all documents are easily accessible and traceable.

Module 9 :- HR Agent Workspace in ServiceNow HRSD

The HR Agent Workspace is a specialized environment in ServiceNow HRSD designed for HR agents to manage and resolve employee HR cases efficiently. It provides a centralized hub where HR agents can view and manage cases, tasks, and other HR-related activities. It is customizable to suit the needs of the HR team and includes tools for increasing agent productivity and streamlining workflows.

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1. Setting Up and Customizing the Workspace

Setting up and customizing the HR Agent Workspace ensures that HR agents have the tools and information they need to effectively manage cases, perform tasks, and deliver a seamless employee experience.

Steps to Set Up the HR Agent Workspace:

1. Enable HR Agent Workspace:
    - Ensure that the HR Service Delivery (HRSD) application is activated in your ServiceNow instance.
    - Navigate to HR Agent Workspace > Workspace Settings to enable the workspace for HR agents.
2. Configure Workspace Views:
    - Workspaces are divided into multiple views (e.g., "My Cases," "Case Management," "Tasks"). These views can be customized to show relevant information, actions, and tasks.
    - To configure views, go to HR Agent Workspace > Views and create or modify a view.
    - Use widgets and list layouts to display HR cases, tasks, and related items.
3. Customize Layout:
    - The workspace layout can be customized to meet specific business needs. You can move around components, change sections, and create new tabs or dashboards.
    - Navigate to HR Agent Workspace > Workspace Customization to add or modify sections (e.g., Case Details, Knowledge Articles, Employee Profile).
4. Define Permissions:
    - Permissions control access to various workspace features. HR agents and supervisors may have different levels of access based on their roles. Define permissions to control what agents can view or modify.

- Go to System Security > User Roles to set roles like HR Agent, HR Manager, and customize based on needs.

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2. Managing Cases and Tasks from the Workspace

The HR Agent Workspace provides HR agents with tools to manage HR cases and associated tasks efficiently.

Managing HR Cases:

1. Viewing and Managing Cases:
   - In the workspace, agents can see a list of HR Cases that need attention. These cases may be assigned to them, or they may be in their "queue" based on their role.
   - Agents can view case details, update the status, and take actions based on the case type (e.g., onboarding, leave requests, employee issues).
2. Case Assignment:
   - HR agents can be assigned specific cases based on their area of expertise, department, or workload. Managers can manually assign cases, or cases can be routed automatically via assignment rules.
3. Managing Case Activities:
   - Agents can manage case activities such as adding notes, tasks, and resolving cases.
   - Case Activities might include adding comments, attaching documents, or sending updates to employees.
4. Viewing Case History:
   - Each HR case contains a history of all actions, notes, and tasks performed by HR agents. The case history provides a clear audit trail for compliance and transparency.
5. Case Collaboration:
   - HR agents can collaborate on cases by using internal comments and chat features, ensuring that the case resolution process is efficient and organized.

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3. Agent Productivity Tools (UI Actions, Macros)

ServiceNow provides several agent productivity tools to enhance efficiency and streamline the resolution of HR cases. These tools help HR agents automate repetitive tasks, save time, and improve the overall experience for both employees and HR agents.

UI Actions:

UI Actions are buttons, links, or menu items that agents can use to trigger specific actions on a record, such as a case or task.

1. Creating UI Actions:

- UI Actions can be used to automate processes, such as resolving a case, sending a notification, or generating a document.
- Navigate to System Definition > UI Actions and create new UI actions to add buttons or menu options in the HR Agent Workspace.

2. Common HR UI Actions:
    - Resolve Case: Marking a case as resolved.
    - Escalate Case: Escalating a case to a manager or higher-level HR agent.
    - Generate Document: Triggering the document generation process for offer letters or contracts.
    - Assign to Manager: Assigning cases to higher-level agents or HR managers.
3. Using UI Actions in HR Workspace:
    - Once created, UI Actions appear as clickable buttons or menu options in the HR Agent Workspace. These can help agents perform actions with one click, improving productivity.

Macros:

Macros are a set of predefined actions that agents can run to perform a series of tasks automatically. This helps to automate repetitive workflows, such as sending standard messages or updating records.

1. Creating Macros:
    - Navigate to HR Agent Workspace > Macros to create new macros.
    - Define the actions that should be executed in the macro (e.g., setting a case status, assigning a task, sending a standard email).
2. Using Macros:
    - HR agents can run macros to quickly execute repetitive tasks. For example, a macro could be created to resolve a case, send a confirmation email, and create a follow-up task.
    - Macros can be applied to cases, tasks, and employee records.
3. Common HR Macros:
    - Start Onboarding: Automatically start the onboarding process by creating tasks and assigning them to relevant teams.
    - Approve Leave: Automatically approve a leave request, update the case status, and send an email to the employee.
    - Escalate Case: Automatically escalate a case to a higher-level HR agent with a predefined escalation message.

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4. Using Playbooks (Optional)

Playbooks are predefined sets of actions or tasks that guide HR agents through a specific process. They are often used to ensure that standard operating procedures (SOPs) are followed in complex HR processes, such as onboarding, offboarding, or leave requests.

Steps to Use Playbooks:

1. Setting Up Playbooks:
   - Playbooks are created and defined in the Playbooks module. Navigate to HR Service Delivery > Playbooks to create new playbooks.
   - Define the sequence of tasks that need to be completed for a specific HR process (e.g., onboarding tasks, employee exit checklist).
2. Running Playbooks:
   - Playbooks can be attached to HR cases, and HR agents can follow the steps in the playbook to complete the process.
   - When an agent opens a case, the playbook will guide them through each step, such as sending welcome emails, assigning tasks to various departments, and collecting employee documents.
3. Playbook Tasks:
   - Playbooks break down complex processes into smaller, actionable tasks. Each task can have assigned owners, deadlines, and dependencies.
   - Tasks within a playbook can be automated using UI Actions or Macros to improve speed and reduce errors.
4. Tracking Playbook Progress:
   - HR agents can track the progress of a playbook directly from the HR Agent Workspace. The system will show which tasks have been completed and which are pending.
5. Common Use Cases for Playbooks:
   - Onboarding Playbook: Guide HR agents through the process of welcoming a new employee, assigning training, setting up benefits, and more.
   - Offboarding Playbook: Ensure that HR agents follow the correct procedures when an employee leaves, such as retrieving company property and disabling access.
   - Leave Request Playbook: Help HR agents manage the approval, tracking, and documentation of employee leave requests.

Summary of HR Agent Workspace in ServiceNow HRSD:

- Setting Up and Customizing the Workspace: Customize the HR Agent Workspace to fit the needs of HR teams. This includes setting up views, defining permissions, and creating a workspace layout.

- Managing Cases and Tasks: Agents can efficiently manage HR cases, assign tasks, collaborate with colleagues, and update case statuses within the workspace.
- Agent Productivity Tools (UI Actions, Macros): UI Actions automate common tasks like case resolution, while macros speed up repetitive workflows. These tools improve HR agent productivity.
- Using Playbooks: Playbooks guide HR agents through complex processes by breaking them down into actionable tasks, ensuring that standard procedures are followed.

<u>Module 10 :- Advanced HRSD Features in ServiceNow</u>

- ServiceNow HRSD offers a variety of advanced features designed to optimize the HR process, improve employee experience, and streamline case management. These features provide organizations with the tools to manage employee journeys, handle employee relations, configure total rewards, and leverage artificial intelligence for smarter decision-making and automation.
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1. Employee Journey Management (EJM)

- Employee Journey Management (EJM) in ServiceNow HRSD is designed to provide a seamless, end-to-end experience for employees by managing their entire lifecycle with the organization, from onboarding to offboarding, and everything in between.
- Key Features of Employee Journey Management:

  <u>Comprehensive Employee Journeys:</u>

  EJM enables HR to manage the entire employee journey, including Onboarding, Offboarding, Internal Mobility, Promotions, Transfers, and Retirement.

  It aligns all HR activities and ensures a consistent and engaging experience for employees at every stage of their lifecycle.
- <u>Journey Templates:</u>
- Predefined templates for common employee journeys (e.g., new hire onboarding, employee promotions) help automate and standardize HR processes.
- You can create customized templates based on your organization’s needs (e.g., adding specific training, benefits enrollment, or compliance steps).
- <u>Milestones and Tasks:</u>
- Milestones are key points in an employee's journey (e.g., First Day, 30 Days, 90 Days), and associated tasks are assigned to various HR teams (e.g., IT setup, benefits enrollment).
- Tasks and milestones are tracked to ensure nothing is missed and deadlines are met.

<u>Employee and Manager Dashboards:</u>

- Both employees and HR managers have personalized dashboards that track progress throughout the journey.
- Employees can check the status of their journey, while HR managers can oversee multiple journeys, ensuring all tasks are completed.
- <u>Automation and Integration:</u>
- Integration with Employee Service Center (ESC), HR Case Management, and third-party tools like Workday ensures data flows seamlessly across different systems.
- EJM automates actions like sending welcome emails, assigning tasks, and tracking employee milestones.
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2. Allegation Management

- Allegation Management is a feature within ServiceNow HRSD that enables organizations to track and manage allegations or complaints filed by employees, such as harassment, discrimination, or misconduct cases.
- Key Features of Allegation Management:

<u>Case Intake and Reporting:</u>

Allegations can be logged directly through the HR Service Catalog, or they can be raised by employees through various channels, such as the Employee Service Center (ESC) or HR Case Management.

<u>Investigation Management:</u>

Once an allegation is raised, the system allows HR teams to manage the investigation process. HR can assign tasks, set deadlines, track progress, and collaborate with the involved parties (e.g., employees, managers, or legal departments).

<u>Case Tracking and Documentation:</u>

All activities related to the allegation, including investigation steps, notes, and outcomes, are tracked and stored within the system. This ensures a clear audit trail for compliance and legal purposes.

<u>Sensitive Data Handling:</u>

Allegations typically involve sensitive information, so ServiceNow includes enhanced security controls and access restrictions to protect confidential data.

<u>Reporting and Analytics:</u>

ServiceNow provides reporting tools to track the number of allegations, types of cases, outcomes, and response times, helping HR and legal departments identify trends and improve processes.

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3. Employee Relations Case Management

- Employee Relations Case Management (ERCM) helps HR manage and resolve employee relations cases, such as conflicts, grievances, disciplinary actions, and performance issues.
- Key Features of Employee Relations Case Management:

<u>Case Creation and Intake:</u>

- Employee relations cases can be created manually by HR agents or automatically triggered by employee interactions, such as submitting a grievance or complaint.
- Employees can also raise cases through the Employee Service Center (ESC) or self-service portal.

<u>Case Workflow:</u>

- ERCM enables HR to define workflows that guide the case resolution process, ensuring consistency in handling different types of employee relations issues.
- Tasks, deadlines, and approvals are automatically assigned based on the case type and severity.

<u>Investigation and Resolution:</u>

- HR agents can manage case progress, track investigation activities, and document findings within the case record.
- The system supports collaboration between HR, managers, and legal departments to ensure fair, consistent, and compliant case resolution.

<u>Confidentiality and Compliance:</u>

- Employee relations cases often involve sensitive information, so ServiceNow includes features for maintaining confidentiality and compliance with internal policies and external regulations (e.g., labor laws).

<u>Analytics and Reporting:</u>

- The platform provides powerful reporting and analytics capabilities to help HR track trends in employee relations issues, such as frequent types of grievances or recurring performance issues.
- Analytics help HR identify patterns, improve employee experience, and proactively address systemic problems.

- 4. Total Rewards Configuration
- Total Rewards in ServiceNow HRSD refers to the total compensation and benefits package offered to employees, including salary, bonuses, incentives, health benefits, retirement plans, and other perks. The Total Rewards configuration in ServiceNow allows organizations to manage and communicate their employee rewards strategy.
- Key Features of Total Rewards Configuration:

- Compensation Plans:
- Configure compensation structures, including base pay, performance-based bonuses, and other incentive programs.
- Integrate with Payroll Systems (e.g., Workday) to ensure pay information is accurate and timely.
- Benefits Management:
- Configure various employee benefits, including health insurance, retirement plans, wellness programs, and employee discounts.
- Benefit Enrollment is managed via the Employee Service Center or HR agent workspace, allowing employees to select or update their benefits packages during specific enrollment periods.
- Customizing Total Rewards Statements:
- Total rewards statements can be generated for employees to showcase the full scope of their compensation and benefits packages.
- Customize the content, format, and delivery method (e.g., email or PDF) of these statements, making it easy for employees to understand their total rewards.
- Rewards Communication:
- ServiceNow allows HR to send personalized communications about the employee's total rewards package through the Employee Service Center (ESC).
- Employees can also use the platform to access detailed information about their benefits and compensation.
- Integrating with HR Systems:
- Integrate Total Rewards with other HR systems, such as HR Case Management, Employee Relations, and Payroll, ensuring that employee data is consistent and up-to-date across all systems.
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- 5. AI Search and Predictive Intelligence
- AI Search and Predictive Intelligence in ServiceNow HRSD use machine learning and artificial intelligence to enhance the HR service delivery process by making it smarter, faster, and more personalized.
- Key Features of AI Search:
- Smart Search Functionality:
- AI Search provides intelligent search capabilities that allow HR agents and employees to quickly find relevant information, such as HR cases, knowledge articles, policies, and HR services.
- Search results are ranked based on relevance, which improves the user experience and helps agents find solutions faster.

- Personalized Results:
- AI Search personalizes search results based on user behavior and previous interactions. For example, an employee may receive recommendations for benefits articles based on their job role or previous queries.
- Natural Language Processing (NLP):
- AI Search uses Natural Language Processing (NLP) to understand user queries in natural language, enabling more intuitive search behavior. Employees can type in plain English, and the AI engine interprets the query and returns accurate results.
- Key Features of Predictive Intelligence:
- Case Categorization and Routing:
- Predictive Intelligence automatically categorizes incoming HR cases and routes them to the appropriate HR agent or team based on historical data and machine learning algorithms.
- This reduces the time spent manually sorting and assigning cases, improving case resolution speed.
- Smart Recommendations:
- Predictive Intelligence can suggest actions, tasks, or knowledge articles to HR agents based on historical trends and patterns.
- It can recommend the next best step to resolve a case or suggest a relevant knowledge article to an employee or agent.
- Automated Responses:
- Predictive Intelligence can be used to generate automated responses to common HR queries, such as benefits eligibility or leave balances, reducing the need for human intervention.
- Trend Analysis:
- Predictive Intelligence analyzes HR case data to identify trends or patterns, such as recurring employee issues, and provides insights to help HR take proactive action.
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- Summary of Advanced HRSD Features in ServiceNow:
- Employee Journey Management (EJM): Manages the entire employee lifecycle, providing consistent and automated experiences for onboarding, offboarding, and more.
- Allegation Management: Enables HR to track, investigate, and resolve employee allegations, ensuring compliance and confidentiality.
- Employee Relations Case Management: Helps HR manage employee grievances, conflicts, and disciplinary actions with an automated workflow.
- Total Rewards Configuration: Allows HR to manage compensation, benefits, and perks, and provides personalized total rewards statements.

- AI Search and Predictive Intelligence: Enhances HR service delivery with intelligent search, machine learning-based case routing, and automated recommendations to improve efficiency.

Module 11 :- Integrations in ServiceNow HRSD

1. HCM Integrations (Workday, SAP, Oracle):
    - Workday Integration:
        - ServiceNow integrates with Workday through APIs to exchange HR-related data like employee records, organizational structure, and benefits data.
        - Common use cases: Employee onboarding, offboarding, organizational updates.
        - Integration can be achieved using connectors, custom scripts, or middleware platforms.
    - SAP Integration:
        - SAP's HR modules, such as SAP SuccessFactors, provide employee-related data, which can be integrated with ServiceNow for case management, employee lifecycle management, etc.
        - Integration methods may involve using standard connectors or custom-built integrations.
        - Typical use cases include synchronization of employee data, organizational changes, and payroll.
    - Oracle HCM Integration:
        - Oracle HCM (Human Capital Management) also integrates with ServiceNow for case management, HR records, and employee information exchange.
        - Oracle HCM Cloud provides pre-built connectors that can be used for seamless integration with ServiceNow.
        - Common use cases include employee records management, benefits, and compensation data syncing.
2. MID Server Overview:
    - What is a MID Server?
        - A Management, Integration, and Delivery (MID) Server is a ServiceNow component that facilitates communication between the ServiceNow instance and external systems or data sources.
        - It is used for integrations that involve secure data exchange between ServiceNow and third-party systems.

- How it works:
  - MID Servers sit behind the organization's firewall and ensure secure transmission of data without exposing internal systems to the internet.
  - They enable integrations for tasks such as data imports, discovery, and event management.
- Key Functions:
  - Data Integration: Facilitates data movement between ServiceNow and other systems (like HR applications or databases).
  - Discovery: Helps discover devices, applications, and other assets within the organization's network.
  - Event Management: Monitors systems for specific events and can trigger actions in ServiceNow.

3. Data Sync: Import Sets and Transform Maps:
   - Import Sets:
     - An Import Set is a temporary table in ServiceNow used to load data into the platform.
     - Data from external systems is first loaded into an Import Set before being mapped and transformed into the correct format for ServiceNow's tables.
   - Transform Maps:
     - Once data is imported into an Import Set, it needs to be transformed before it can be added to the main ServiceNow tables.
     - Transform Maps define the rules for transforming and mapping the data from the Import Set to the correct fields in the target table.
     - Key features include:
       - Field mappings: Determines how data from source fields map to destination fields.
       - Transformation rules: Logic for transforming data (e.g., data cleansing, calculations, or conditional logic).
4. Web Services: REST, SOAP APIs:
   - REST APIs:
     - REST (Representational State Transfer) is an architecture style for designing networked applications.
     - It uses standard HTTP methods like GET, POST, PUT, DELETE, etc., to interact with resources on the server.
     - REST APIs in ServiceNow are used for integrating with external systems, pulling in data, and pushing updates. They use JSON as the data format.

        - Example use case: Creating or updating HR cases from an external system using a REST API call.
    - SOAP APIs:
        - SOAP (Simple Object Access Protocol) is a protocol for exchanging structured information in the implementation of web services.
        - SOAP APIs are used for more complex integrations requiring a higher level of security, transactional reliability, and operation guarantees.
        - SOAP API calls in ServiceNow interact with external systems in a structured XML format.
        - Example use case: Integrating with older enterprise systems where REST APIs aren’t available, such as legacy HR platforms.
5. Scheduling and Triggering Integrations:
    - Scheduling Integrations:
        - ServiceNow provides the ability to schedule integrations to run at specified intervals (e.g., daily, weekly).
        - Scheduled jobs can be configured to automate the execution of tasks like data imports, API calls, or service monitoring.
    - Triggering Integrations:
        - Event-Driven Integrations: Some integrations are triggered by events such as the creation of a new HR case, employee status change, or data update.
        - Business Rules: ServiceNow uses business rules to trigger actions based on changes in records (e.g., creating an HR case when a new employee record is added).
        - Workflow/Flow Designer: You can design workflows or flows that trigger integrations based on specific actions or conditions, such as employee onboarding events or benefit elections

Module 12 :- Reporting and Dashboards in ServiceNow HRSD

1. Performance Analytics for HR:
   - What is Performance Analytics?
     - Performance Analytics is a powerful tool in ServiceNow that enables organizations to visualize, measure, and analyze their performance across HR operations.
     - It provides actionable insights to help HR teams make data-driven decisions, optimize processes, and improve service delivery.
   - How it Works:
     - Data Collection: Performance Analytics collects data from various ServiceNow tables, such as HR cases, employee records, service requests, etc.
     - Indicators: Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) are defined to measure specific metrics (e.g., average resolution time for HR cases, employee satisfaction).
     - Widgets: Dashboards are populated with visual elements like graphs, charts, and gauges to display the performance of HR services.
   - Benefits:
     - It helps in tracking the efficiency of HR processes (e.g., case resolution, employee onboarding).
     - Offers predictive analytics to forecast trends, identify potential bottlenecks, and improve overall service quality.
     - Enhances transparency by providing HR managers and stakeholders with a real-time view of HR operations.
2. Pre-built HR Dashboards:
   - What Are Pre-built HR Dashboards?
     - ServiceNow provides several out-of-the-box, pre-configured dashboards that display key HR metrics and performance indicators.
     - These dashboards offer a ready-made view of HR data, allowing teams to monitor the performance of various HR functions quickly.
   - Key Dashboards:
     - HR Case Management Dashboard: Displays case-related KPIs, such as the number of open cases, case resolution time, and employee satisfaction.
     - Employee Lifecycle Dashboard: Tracks the progress of employee-related processes (e.g., onboarding, offboarding) and associated performance metrics.
     - Employee Experience Dashboard: Measures employee engagement, satisfaction, and the effectiveness of HR services.

        - Service Requests Dashboard: Shows data related to service requests and their fulfillment status, including pending, in-progress, and completed requests.
    - Features:
        - Pre-configured Widgets: HR dashboards come with pre-configured widgets that can be customized according to the organization's needs.
        - Data Filters: Dashboards can be filtered based on criteria like department, location, or service type to give a more granular view of the data.

3. Custom Report Creation:
    - What is Custom Report Creation?
        - ServiceNow allows HR teams to create their own custom reports to track specific data points that are relevant to their operations.
        - Custom reports can pull data from multiple tables in ServiceNow, such as HR Cases, Service Requests, and Knowledge Articles.
    - Steps to Create a Custom Report:

1. Define the Report Type: Choose between various report types (e.g., bar chart, pie chart, table, time series).

2. Choose Data Source: Select the tables or data sources from which the report will pull data (e.g., HR cases, employee records).

3. Apply Filters: Apply conditions or filters to narrow down the data according to specific parameters (e.g., open HR cases, employee onboarding).

4. Customize Layout and Visualization: Design the layout of the report, add visualizations, and arrange data points for easy consumption.

5. Schedule Reports: Reports can be scheduled to run at specified intervals and delivered to relevant stakeholders via email.

    - Common Use Cases for Custom Reports:
        - Monitoring case volume by department.
        - Tracking the time taken to resolve different types of HR cases.
        - Generating reports on employee satisfaction ratings across different regions or service types.

4. Real-time Tracking and SLAs:
    - Real-time Tracking:
        - Real-time tracking allows HR teams to monitor the status and progress of HR cases, service requests, and other activities in real time.
        - ServiceNow’s HRSD module provides live updates and metrics on cases, including:

        - Case creation and resolution times.
        - Employee satisfaction ratings.
        - Ongoing service requests.
    - SLAs (Service Level Agreements):
        - ServiceNow includes SLA tracking as part of its HRSD suite, allowing organizations to define, monitor, and enforce service level commitments.
        - HR Case SLAs: Track how quickly HR teams respond to or resolve employee cases (e.g., resolving a leave request within 48 hours).
        - SLA Types:
            - Response SLAs: Measures how quickly an HR case is acknowledged or responded to.
            - Resolution SLAs: Measures the time taken to resolve an HR case or complete a service request.
            - Escalation SLAs: Defines the time within which unresolved cases should be escalated for higher-level attention.
    - Features:
        - SLA Definition: HR teams can define SLAs with different conditions and targets (e.g., 90% of leave requests resolved within 24 hours).
        - Automatic SLA Enforcement: SLAs are automatically tracked and enforced, with alerts generated if deadlines are approaching or have been breached.
        - SLA Reporting: SLA performance can be tracked on dashboards and in custom reports, helping HR teams assess their efficiency and identify areas for improvement.

Key Benefits of Reporting and Dashboards in HRSD:

- Data-Driven Decision Making: Dashboards and reports provide HR leaders with the necessary insights to optimize HR operations.
- Operational Efficiency: By tracking KPIs and SLAs, HR teams can quickly identify bottlenecks, optimize workflows, and improve service delivery.
- Employee Experience: Real-time tracking of cases and service requests ensures that employees receive timely responses and resolutions, improving satisfaction.
- Predictive Insights: Performance Analytics not only measures past performance but can also predict future trends, helping HR teams to plan ahead.

Module 13 :- Security & Compliance in ServiceNow HRSD

- 1. Contextual Security and ACLs (Access Control Lists)
- Contextual Security:
- Contextual security is designed to ensure that users only have access to information that is relevant and authorized for them based on their specific role, department, location, or other contextual factors.
- It helps protect sensitive data by making sure that employees, managers, or HR staff can only see the data that is pertinent to their responsibilities.
- Access Control Lists (ACLs):
- ACLs define the level of access a user has to a particular resource or record in ServiceNow.
- Types of ACLs:
- Table ACLs: Control access to an entire table.
- Record ACLs: Control access to specific records within a table.
- Field ACLs: Control access to specific fields on a record.
- Scripted ACLs: Allow for custom logic to be applied to determine access to resources dynamically.
- How ACLs Work:
- ACLs evaluate who the user is, what their role is, and the context of the request.
- Permissions can be granted or denied based on these factors.
- For example, a manager might have access to all HR cases within their department, but not HR cases from another department.
- Benefits:
- Fine-grained control over who can view, modify, or delete HR records.
- Ensures that only authorized users have access to sensitive employee data and HR case information.
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- 2. Scoped Applications in HRSD
- What are Scoped Applications?
- Scoped applications in ServiceNow are modules or applications that operate within a defined scope or boundary, separating them from the core ServiceNow platform.
- In the context of HRSD, scoped applications help protect sensitive HR data by ensuring that only specific users or groups can access or interact with particular applications or features within HRSD.
- How Scoped Applications Enhance Security:

- Scoped applications enforce data isolation, ensuring that only those with appropriate permissions within the scope can access or modify HR-related data.
- They prevent accidental or unauthorized access to HR data from other applications or modules, ensuring strict data segregation.
- Examples of Scoped Applications in HRSD:
- HR Case Management: A scoped application that allows HR professionals to manage employee cases securely.
- Employee Lifecycle Management: Manages sensitive HR activities like onboarding, transfers, and offboarding within a secure scope.
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- 3. Data Separation for Sensitive Cases
- Why is Data Separation Important?
- Sensitive HR cases (e.g., discrimination claims, confidential employee matters, medical leave) require higher levels of security to prevent unauthorized access.
- Data separation ensures that sensitive data is kept isolated from less sensitive information, even within the same application.
- How Data Separation Works:
- Encryption: Sensitive data can be encrypted at rest or in transit to protect it from unauthorized access.
- Field-level Security: Specific fields that contain sensitive information can be made read-only or hidden based on the user's role.
- Record-level Security: Access to sensitive cases can be controlled using contextual security and ACLs. For instance, HR staff may have access to certain cases but might be restricted from viewing highly sensitive records without special clearance.
- Role-based Access: Access to sensitive cases is granted only to users with specific roles, such as HR managers or executives, while general employees may only have access to their own data or non-sensitive HR cases.
- Benefits:
- Ensures that sensitive HR data is protected at both the application and data level.
- Enhances compliance with data protection regulations like GDPR, HIPAA, and internal company policies.
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- 4. GDPR and Audit Compliance Features
- GDPR Compliance:
- The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is a European Union regulation that mandates the protection of personal data and privacy.

- In the context of HRSD, GDPR compliance ensures that employee data is collected, stored, processed, and shared in a way that complies with these strict regulations.
- Key Features for GDPR Compliance in HRSD:
- Data Minimization: HRSD allows organizations to limit the data collected and ensure that only necessary employee information is stored.
- Consent Management: Employees can provide consent for the collection and use of their data, and this consent can be tracked within ServiceNow.
- Right to Access and Rectification: Employees can request access to their data and request updates or corrections. ServiceNow supports these requests with tools for retrieving and editing data.
- Data Deletion: Employees have the right to request that their personal data be deleted or anonymized. ServiceNow provides tools for securely deleting or anonymizing employee data when requested.
- Data Portability: GDPR also gives employees the right to obtain their data in a portable format. ServiceNow can export employee data upon request.
- Audit Compliance:
- Audit Trails: ServiceNow maintains an audit trail for all HRSD-related activities, including who accessed employee data, what changes were made, and when.
- Audit Logs: ServiceNow automatically logs all relevant HR operations, such as case management actions, updates to employee records, and access to sensitive data.
- Compliance Reporting: HRSD provides predefined compliance reports, which can be used for audits or to demonstrate adherence to security and privacy policies.
- Data Integrity: ServiceNow ensures that any modification of HR data is logged, with details of the user who made the changes and the exact modifications made.
- Benefits:
- GDPR Compliance: Ensures that HR data is managed in accordance with data protection regulations, helping organizations avoid fines.
- Audit Readiness: Audit logs and reports ensure that HR teams are always prepared for audits and can quickly respond to requests for data access or history.
- Employee Trust: Providing transparency and control over personal data increases trust between employees and the organization.
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- Key Benefits of Security & Compliance Features in HRSD:
- Data Protection: Ensures that sensitive HR data is isolated, protected, and only accessible to authorized users.
- Regulatory Compliance: Helps organizations comply with privacy regulations like GDPR, HIPAA, and others, reducing legal and financial risks.

- Operational Security: Reduces the risk of unauthorized access, data breaches, and internal fraud by enforcing strict security controls and data separation.
- Audit Readiness: Provides a robust audit trail for HR activities, ensuring compliance with industry standards and laws.

Module 14 :- HRSD Implementation Strategy

- 1. Gathering HR Requirements
- Understanding HR Needs:
- Requirement gathering is the first and most crucial step in the HRSD implementation process. This involves collecting detailed information about the organization's HR workflows, business processes, and employee needs.
- The goal is to align the HRSD system with business objectives by understanding the challenges faced by HR teams and employees.
- Key Steps in Gathering Requirements:
- Stakeholder Interviews: Conduct interviews with key HR stakeholders (HR managers, case workers, IT staff) to understand their pain points and expectations from the HRSD system.
- Process Mapping: Document the current HR processes, workflows, and systems in place. This helps identify areas for automation and improvement.
- Defining Key Metrics: Establish KPIs and metrics that will be used to measure the effectiveness of HR services (e.g., case resolution time, employee satisfaction, SLA performance).
- Assessing Compliance Needs: Ensure that the requirements consider compliance regulations (e.g., GDPR, labor laws) to ensure that the system meets legal and regulatory requirements.
- Outcome: A clear set of business requirements and functional specifications that will guide the configuration and customization of ServiceNow HRSD.
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- 2. Phased Deployment vs Big Bang
- Phased Deployment:
- Phased deployment involves implementing the HRSD system in stages or phases, often by department, region, or process area.
- Advantages:
- Lower risk: By rolling out the system in phases, the organization can mitigate risk and address issues in smaller, manageable increments.
- Faster user adoption: Teams can gradually adapt to the new system and provide feedback for future phases.
- Easier troubleshooting: Any challenges or bugs identified during one phase can be resolved before moving to the next.

- Disadvantages:
- Extended timeline: The implementation process may take longer, as each phase requires planning, testing, and feedback.
- Integration complexities: Integrating the new system with existing HR tools across phases can be complicated.
- Big Bang Deployment:
- Big Bang deployment involves implementing the HRSD system across the entire organization all at once.
- Advantages:
- Faster go-live: The entire system is up and running quickly, reducing the time needed for full implementation.
- Unified system: All teams start using the same system at the same time, ensuring consistency in processes and data.
- Disadvantages:
- Higher risk: A sudden shift to the new system can result in more significant disruptions, especially if issues arise.
- User resistance: Users may struggle to adapt quickly to the system, leading to a slower adoption rate.
- Choosing the Right Approach:
- The choice between phased deployment and Big Bang depends on the organization's size, the complexity of HR processes, and readiness for change. Smaller organizations may favor Big Bang, while larger organizations with complex HR operations may opt for phased deployment.
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- 3. Governance and Change Management
- Governance:
- Governance involves overseeing the entire HRSD implementation process to ensure it aligns with business objectives, follows best practices, and remains on track.
- Key Components:
- Steering Committee: A governance board composed of executives, project managers, HR leaders, and IT teams to guide the project's strategic direction.
- Project Management Office (PMO): Ensures that the project adheres to timelines, budgets, and quality standards.
- Risk Management: Identify potential risks (e.g., data security, resistance to change) and develop mitigation strategies.
- Change Management:

- Change management ensures that the organization is ready for the new system and that users can effectively transition to using HRSD.
- Key Components:
- Communication Plan: Regularly update stakeholders on the status of the implementation, including timelines, changes, and benefits.
- Training Programs: Provide training for HR teams, IT staff, and end-users to ensure they can use the new system effectively.
- Support Framework: Set up support systems (e.g., help desks, FAQs, online forums) to assist users during and after the implementation.
- Stakeholder Buy-in: Engage stakeholders early on in the process to get their buy-in and ensure they understand the value of the HRSD system.
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- 4. User Acceptance Testing (UAT)
- What is UAT?
- User Acceptance Testing (UAT) is the phase where the end-users (e.g., HR teams, managers, employees) test the system to ensure that it meets the defined requirements and is ready for production.
- Key Activities in UAT:
- Test Scenarios: Define test cases based on real-world HR processes to ensure that the system performs as expected.
- Test Execution: End-users test the HRSD system to ensure that it works in real-world scenarios, such as creating HR cases, handling service requests, and running reports.
- Issue Resolution: Any defects or issues identified during UAT are logged and prioritized for resolution by the development team.
- Sign-Off: Once UAT is complete and any critical issues are resolved, users provide sign-off to confirm that the system is ready for production.
- Benefits of UAT:
- Ensures that the system meets the business requirements and performs as expected.
- Provides users with a chance to familiarize themselves with the system before it goes live.
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- 5. Post Go-Live Support
- What is Post Go-Live Support?
- After the system is live, post-go-live support involves ongoing support to address any issues, optimize system performance, and ensure the system continues to meet the needs of HR operations.
- Key Activities:

- Monitoring System Performance: Continuously monitor the system for any performance issues, bugs, or downtime.
- Issue Resolution: Provide immediate support to resolve any post-launch issues or user concerns, including bug fixes and troubleshooting.
- User Feedback: Gather feedback from users to identify areas for improvement and enhance the system's functionality.
- Enhancements: Based on feedback and ongoing needs, roll out regular updates or enhancements to improve the system over time.
- Training and Documentation: Provide ongoing training sessions and ensure documentation is updated to reflect any changes or new features.
- Benefits:
- Ensures that the system is operating optimally and that users are continuously supported.
- Helps maintain high user satisfaction and adoption rates.
- Provides opportunities for further system enhancements based on real-world usage.
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- Key Benefits of a Strong HRSD Implementation Strategy:
- Alignment with Business Needs: Ensures that HR processes and employee services are effectively supported by the system, leading to better service delivery.
- Reduced Risk: A structured strategy minimizes implementation risks, whether it's a phased or Big Bang deployment.
- Smooth Adoption: Proper change management and UAT lead to better user adoption and satisfaction.
- Long-Term Success: Ongoing post-go-live support and enhancements ensure that the system remains effective and efficient as HR needs evolve

Module 15 :- Real-World Scenarios & Labs in ServiceNow HRSD

1. HR Case Lifecycle Walkthroughs

- Overview of HR Case Management Lifecycle:
    - HR Case Management is central to HRSD, involving the tracking, management, and resolution of employee queries and requests.
    - The lifecycle involves multiple stages from case creation to resolution, and includes activities like triaging, assigning, and escalating cases.
- Key Steps in the HR Case Lifecycle:

1. Case Creation: The lifecycle starts when an employee submits a request, which may be a question, concern, or task that needs HR's attention. This can be initiated via ServiceNow's HR Service Portal or through other channels.

2. Case Categorization: Once created, the case is categorized (e.g., benefits, leave, payroll) so that it can be routed to the right team or individual.

3. Assignment & SLA Monitoring: The case is assigned to an HR representative. At this stage, ServiceNow automatically tracks the case's SLA (Service Level Agreement) to ensure timely resolution.

4. Resolution & Closure: HR professionals resolve the issue, and once the solution is provided, the case is closed. Feedback from the employee may also be collected at this stage.

5. Case Reporting & Analysis: After closure, HR teams can analyze case data (e.g., volume, time to resolve) to improve HR services or identify trends.

- Key Features:
    - Automated Routing: Cases can be automatically routed to the appropriate HR representative or team based on pre-defined rules and categories.
    - Knowledge Base Integration: HR representatives can link or suggest relevant knowledge base articles directly from within the case to help with resolutions.
    - Audit Trails: HR teams can track the entire case history to ensure transparency and accountability.

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2. Create Onboarding Lifecycle from Scratch

- Onboarding Overview:
    - Onboarding is a critical HR process that ensures new employees are smoothly integrated into the organization. The lifecycle includes activities like document submission, orientation scheduling, benefits enrollment, and system access setup.
- Steps to Create an Onboarding Lifecycle:

1. Define Onboarding Phases: Break down the process into clear phases such as pre-onboarding (before the employee's first day), first day (orientation, IT setup), and post-onboarding (benefit enrollment, training).

2. Customize Tasks: Create specific tasks for each phase (e.g., "Set up email account," "Schedule HR orientation session").

3. Configure Workflows: Use ServiceNow's workflow engine to automate the sequencing of tasks. For example, after a new hire completes the document submission, the next task could be scheduling IT equipment delivery.

4. Integrate with Other Systems: Link the onboarding process to other systems like HRMS, payroll, and IT management to ensure seamless data flow.

5. Employee Experience: Ensure the onboarding process is engaging and user-friendly. Use ServiceNow's HR Service Portal to create an intuitive interface for the new employee to track their progress and complete required tasks.

- Outcome: A streamlined, fully automated onboarding experience that improves new hire engagement and reduces administrative overhead.

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3. Build an HR Knowledge Base with Feedback

- What is an HR Knowledge Base?:
    - A Knowledge Base (KB) is a central repository of articles, guides, and solutions related to HR topics. Employees and HR teams can refer to the knowledge base for self-service, troubleshooting, and resolving common HR issues.
- Steps to Build an HR Knowledge Base:

1. Identify Key HR Topics: Start by identifying the most common employee questions and HR processes (e.g., how to apply for leave, how to update personal information, benefits details).

2. Create Articles: For each topic, create articles that explain processes, provide solutions, or offer step-by-step guides. Articles can include text, videos, images, and other helpful resources.

3. Categorize Articles: Organize the articles into categories such as Benefits, Payroll, Leave, and Policies to make it easy for employees to find the information they need.

4. Integrate with HRSD: Ensure the knowledge base is integrated with HR Case Management so that HR case agents can link knowledge articles directly to open cases or recommend articles to employees.

5. Collect Feedback: Enable employees to provide feedback on knowledge articles. This feedback can be in the form of ratings (e.g., thumbs up/down) or comments. Use the feedback to continuously improve the content.

6. Review & Update: Periodically review and update knowledge base articles to ensure they remain current, accurate, and relevant.

- Benefits:
    - Reduces case volume by empowering employees to find answers on their own.

- Enhances the self-service experience and reduces HR team workload.
- Continuous improvement of the knowledge base through user feedback.

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4. Configure an HR Service from Design to Delivery

- Overview of Configuring an HR Service:
  - HR Services in ServiceNow refer to specific employee services that HR provides, such as leave requests, benefits enrollment, or performance management. These services are typically delivered via the HR Service Portal.
- Steps to Configure an HR Service:

1. Define the Service: Start by identifying the HR service you want to configure (e.g., "Apply for Maternity Leave," "Submit Performance Review Feedback").

2. Design the Service: Design the service process by defining workflows, tasks, and approval steps. Consider what information or documentation is required from the employee and which HR representatives will be involved.

3. Configure the Service Portal: Create a user-friendly interface for employees to request the service. This could involve adding forms, instructions, and required documents to the HR Service Portal.

4. Set up Automations: Automate aspects of the service delivery, such as approvals, notifications, and escalations. Use ServiceNow's workflow and notification engines to trigger actions based on specific conditions.

5. Test & Deploy: Before going live, test the HR service to ensure it functions as expected. Validate the workflows, notifications, and integrations.

6. Deliver the Service: Once deployed, employees can start requesting and using the service via the HR Service Portal.

- Benefits:
  - Streamlines service delivery, improving employee satisfaction and HR team efficiency.
  - Ensures a consistent and automated process for commonly requested HR services.

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5. Simulated Workday Integration

- Overview of Workday Integration:
  - Workday is a widely used Human Capital Management (HCM) solution for managing HR functions like payroll, talent management, and employee records.
  - Integrating ServiceNow HRSD with Workday enables seamless data exchange between the two platforms, allowing HR teams to automate and streamline HR processes.

- Steps to Simulate Workday Integration:

1. Define Integration Scope: Identify the data and processes you want to integrate (e.g., employee record creation, benefits enrollment, or payroll updates).

2. Configure MID Server: Set up the MID Server in ServiceNow to facilitate communication between ServiceNow and Workday.

3. Create Data Sources and Transform Maps: Define the Workday data sources in ServiceNow and create transform maps to map Workday data to the corresponding ServiceNow HRSD tables.

4. Set Up Web Services: Use REST or SOAP APIs to enable data exchange between Workday and ServiceNow. For example, ServiceNow can call Workday APIs to fetch employee data or update payroll records.

5. Test the Integration: Run test cases to verify that data is being exchanged correctly, with no data loss or errors.

6. Monitor & Optimize: Once the integration is live, continuously monitor its performance and optimize data flows or error handling processes as needed.

- Benefits:
    - Automates data synchronization between Workday and ServiceNow HRSD, reducing manual data entry and errors.
    - Improves the accuracy and timeliness of HR data across both systems.

Key Takeaways from Real-World Scenarios & Labs:

- Hands-on Learning: These labs provide hands-on experience in configuring and customizing HRSD to meet real-world HR needs.
- End-to-End HR Process Management: From case management to employee onboarding, HR knowledge bases, and service configuration, you can gain a deep understanding of how HR processes are managed in ServiceNow.
- Practical Integration: Simulated integrations with systems like Workday give you insight into how ServiceNow HRSD can communicate with other enterprise systems to provide seamless HR services

1. What is HRSD in ServiceNow?

- HRSD (Human Resources Service Delivery) is a scoped application in ServiceNow designed to automate and streamline HR services for employees. It provides a centralized platform to manage HR cases, requests, knowledge, and services, improving the overall employee experience.
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- 2. What are the core components of ServiceNow HRSD?
- Core components of HRSD include:
- HR Case Management – Manages and tracks employee issues or requests.
- HR Services – Pre-defined services provided to employees, like Benefits Inquiry or Onboarding.
- HR Catalog Items – Specific, requestable items related to HR services.
- HR Knowledge Base – Stores HR-related policies and documentation.
- HR Service Portal – Employee-facing portal for submitting HR requests and accessing HR resources.
- Lifecycle Events – Automates complex, multi-step processes like onboarding, offboarding, and transfers.
- HR Profiles – Stores sensitive employee-related information separate from user records.
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- 3. What are the different HR Service types in ServiceNow?
- HR Services are categorized into different HR Service Types, such as:
- Employee Relations
- Benefits
- Payroll
- Talent Management
- Total Rewards
- General Inquiry
- Onboarding/Offboarding
- Compensation
- Learning and Development

- These types help organize services logically based on HR functions.

- 4. How is HRSD different from ITSM in ServiceNow?

Feature	HRSD	ITSM
Focus	Employee services & HR processes	IT services & support
Sensitivity	Handles confidential data (e.g., grievances, payroll)	Less sensitive info
Access	Strict role-based access (e.g., HR-only access)	Broader access
Case Management	HR Case table (sn_hr_core_case)	Incident, Request, Problem tables
Portals	HR Service Portal	Service Portal / ITSM Portal

- 5. What is an HR Case? How is it used?
- An HR Case represents a record of an employee's HR-related request or issue (e.g., leave request, benefit inquiry).
- Use cases:
- Tracks issue resolution from creation to closure
- Routes cases based on HR service type
- Assigns to specific HR agents
- Allows secure handling of sensitive data
- Linked to HR Services, HR Profiles, and Knowledge Articles
- Table: sn_hr_core_case

- 6. What are HR Services and HR Catalog Items?
- HR Services: Define what HR support is available (e.g., "Request Maternity Leave"). Each service includes SLAs, assignment rules, fulfillment process, etc.

- HR Catalog Items: Front-end request items employees see in the HR Service Portal, allowing users to raise requests. These items trigger the associated HR Service and create HR Cases.
- Think of:
- HR Service = Backend configuration
- HR Catalog Item = Frontend interface
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- 7. What is the HR Service Portal?
- The HR Service Portal (/sp_hr) is an employee-facing interface built on the Service Portal framework, designed to:
- Submit HR requests or cases
- Browse HR services and knowledge articles
- Track case status
- Engage with virtual agents or chat
- It provides a modern, self-service experience, reducing HR workload and improving employee satisfaction.
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- 8. What is the purpose of the HR Profile table?
- The HR Profile table (sn_hr_core_profile) stores confidential and HR-specific data about employees that shouldn't be stored in the standard sys_user table.
- Key purposes:
- Maintain separation of duty between IT and HR
- Secure sensitive employee data (e.g., performance notes, grievances)
- Supports HR-only visibility and workflows
- Linked to users, HR cases, and lifecycle events

2. Tables and Data Model

1. What are the key tables used in HRSD?

Table Name	Description
sn_hr_core_case	Stores HR cases (requests/issues submitted by employees)

Table Name	Description
sn_hr_core_profile	Stores sensitive HR profile info separate from user data
sys_user	Standard ServiceNow user table
sn_hr_core_service	Stores HR Services
sn_hr_core_service_type	Categorizes HR services
sc_cat_item	HR Catalog Items (front-end requests)
sn_hr_le_lifecycle_event	Lifecycle Events (e.g., onboarding)
sn_hr_core_task	Abstract table extended by HR Case
sn_hr_core_document_template	Templates for generating HR documents
sn_hr_core_assignment_rule	Custom assignment rules for HR cases

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2. What is the difference between sn_hr_core_case and sn_hr_core_profile?

Feature	sn_hr_core_case	sn_hr_core_profile
Purpose	Tracks HR requests/issues	Stores HR-specific employee data
Data Type	Transactional	Master data
Visibility	Seen by HR agents assigned to the case	Restricted access (contextual security)
Linked To	HR Services, Catalog Items	User record, HR Cases, Lifecycle Events

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3. How are employees and their HR profiles linked?

The sn_hr_core_profile (HR Profile) is linked to the sys_user (User) table using the field:

- User field on the HR Profile → references the sys_user record

This allows:

- Separation of HR and general user data
- Secure storage of confidential HR information

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4. How do you secure HR data in ServiceNow?

Key methods:

- Contextual Security (HR Criteria): Controls access to HR Cases and Profiles based on HR services, roles, and teams.
- ACLs (Access Control Rules): Further define read/write access at table/field level.
- HR Scoped App: Ensures HRSD data is only accessible within the HR scope.
- User Criteria & HR Criteria: Used for portals and service visibility.
- Role-based access: Only users with specific HR roles can access sensitive data.

✅ 3. Security and Roles

1. How does HRSD ensure data confidentiality?

Through a layered security model:

- Contextual Security (HR Criteria) restricts case/profile access based on HR group, location, etc.
- Role-based security allows only HR agents to perform specific actions.
- Field-level ACLs hide sensitive fields unless authorized.
- HR Scoped App isolates HR data from other apps (e.g., ITSM).

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2. What is the sn_hr_core.basic role?

- Base role for HRSD users
- Grants access to view and submit HR cases via the portal
- Assigned to employees (end users) so they can:
    - Access HR Service Portal
    - View knowledge articles
    - Create/view their own HR cases

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3. Explain the concept of Contextual Security in HRSD.

Contextual Security = Advanced access control method specific to HRSD

- Uses HR Criteria (conditions like location, department, etc.) to control access to:
    - HR Cases

- HR Profiles

- Prevents HR agents from viewing cases/profiles outside their scope
- Enforced using sn_hr_core ACLs and scripts
- Dynamic and granular – beyond simple role-based access

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4. What is the difference between role-based and ACL-based security in HRSD?

Feature	Role-based Security	ACL-based Security
Based On	User roles (e.g., HR Agent)	Access Control Lists
Control Level	High-level permissions (UI access, module access)	Table, field, and record level
Flexibility	Coarse-grained	Fine-grained
Example	sn_hr_core.reader lets you read HR cases	ACL hides comments field unless permitted

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✅ 4. Case Management

1. Explain the HR Case lifecycle.

1. Creation – Case is created via portal, agent, or workflow
2. Assignment – Routed to an HR agent or team
3. Work in Progress – Agent works on resolution
4. Awaiting Info (Optional) – Waiting for user response
5. Resolved – Solution provided to the user
6. Closed – Case formally closed after verification

Custom states can be added via the state model (sn_hr_core_case_state_model)

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2. What are HR Case Templates and how are they used?

- Predefined configurations to auto-fill HR Case fields
- Used to:
  - Standardize case creation
  - Assign HR services, priority, assignment group, etc.

    - Trigger specific workflows

Benefits:

- Speeds up case creation
- Ensures consistency
- Reduces manual errors

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3. How do you route HR Cases?

Routing options include:

- Assignment Rules (table: sn_hr_core_assignment_rule)
- HR Criteria-based assignment
- Manual assignment by agents
- Workflow or Flow Designer logic
- Templates that define the assignment group

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4. What is an Assignment Rule and how is it used in HRSD?

- A logic-based rule that determines who gets the HR Case
- Evaluates fields like:
    - HR service
    - Category
    - Location
    - Case type
- If matched, assigns to a group or individual

These rules improve automation and reduce manual triaging.

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5. How do you configure the HR Case creation form?

You can configure the form via:

- Form Layout (for adding/removing fields)
- Form Design (for grouped sections, tabs)
- UI Policies (for dynamic behavior like hiding fields)

- Client Scripts (for more complex logic)
- Default Values through:
    - Templates
    - Dictionary settings
    - UI Actions or Business Rules

5. Lifecycle Events

1. What are Lifecycle Events in HRSD?

Lifecycle Events (LE) are used to automate and coordinate complex, multi-step HR processes that occur during an employee's lifecycle, such as:

- Onboarding
- Offboarding
- Promotions
- Transfers
- Leave of Absence

They group multiple tasks and assign them across HR, IT, Facilities, etc.

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2. How do Lifecycle Events automate HR processes?

They automate HR processes by:

- Triggering pre-defined tasks (like setting up a laptop, assigning a mentor)
- Coordinating cross-departmental actions
- Creating HR cases automatically
- Using flows to manage timing & dependencies

Triggered by:

- HR Cases
- Manual creation
- Employee changes (via integration or HR profile updates)

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3. What is a Lifecycle Event Template?

A Lifecycle Event Template is a blueprint that defines:

- What event type it is (e.g., Onboarding)

- The conditions for when it should run
- The activities and sets of tasks to be performed
- Assignment logic for each task

Template table: sn_hr_le_lifecycle_event_template

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4. How do you create and configure Lifecycle Events?

Steps:

1. Navigate to Lifecycle Events > Templates
2. Create a new Lifecycle Event Template
3. Define:
   - Name, Description, Type
   - Conditions to trigger the event
   - Activity Sets and Activities
4. Add flows or script actions for automation
5. Test and activate

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5. How are activities assigned in Lifecycle Events?

Each activity inside an activity set can be:

- Assigned to:
  - HR Groups
  - Specific users
  - Managers
- Driven by assignment rules or flow logic
- Configured to include due dates, instructions, and dependencies

Activities are tracked as tasks linked to the event.

✅ 6. Employee Center and HR Portal

1. What is Employee Center Pro vs Standard?

Feature	Employee Center (Standard)	Employee Center Pro
Cost	Free with ServiceNow	Requires additional license
Use Case	Unified self-service portal	Advanced employee experiences
Features	Search, HR services, knowledge	Campaigns, Targeted content, Journeys
Widgets	Basic	Advanced widgets and layout options
Integration	Some out-of-box	Deep HRSD, ITSM, and beyond

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2. What widgets are used in the HR Portal?

Some key HR Portal widgets:

- HR Case Widget – View/create HR Cases
- HR Services Widget – Browse available HR services
- Knowledge Search Widget
- HR Profile Widget
- Catalog Item Widget
- Virtual Agent Widget
- My Tasks / My Approvals

These are built using the Service Portal framework.

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3. How can you personalize the Employee Center?

Ways to personalize:

- Use Themes and branding editor
- Create custom pages/menus
- Control content with User Criteria
- Use Targeted Communications (Pro only)
- Configure knowledge blocks, alerts, banners

Admins can also customize search sources and catalog visibility.

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4. How are HR services presented to employees in the portal?

- Through HR Catalog Items, which appear under:
  - Categories (like Benefits, Payroll, etc.)
  - Search results
  - Homepages
- Often grouped using:
  - Service Type
  - Topic Pages
  - Knowledge articles
- Users see services based on User Criteria

✅ 7. HR Workflows and Automation

1. What is the difference between Flow Designer and Workflow Editor?

Feature	Flow Designer	Workflow Editor
UI	Modern, no-code/low-code	Classic, more technical
Use Case	Preferred for new development	Legacy support
Accessibility	Scoped app support	Global scope only
HRSD Support	Fully supported	Being phased out
Example	HR Case creation flows	Older HR approvals

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2. How do you create a flow for HR Services?

Steps:

1. Go to Flow Designer
2. Create a new Flow
3. Select trigger (e.g., Case created, Lifecycle event started)
4. Add actions like:
   - Create HR Tasks
   - Send Notifications
   - Update records

    - Script Actions
5. Test and activate the flow
6. Link the flow to an HR Service or Lifecycle Event

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3. What are HR Activities and Activity Sets?

- HR Activity: A single task (e.g., "Collect ID documents")
- HR Activity Set: A group of related tasks (e.g., "Pre-Onboarding Activities")

They're used in Lifecycle Events to organize and assign work efficiently. Activities are based on templates and can include due dates, instructions, and assignees.

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4. How do you use Script Actions in HRSD?

- Script Actions allow custom server-side logic in Lifecycle Events and HR flows.
- Use them to:
    - Create records
    - Trigger notifications
    - Modify HR cases or profiles
    - Call integrations (via REST/SOAP APIs)

1. Can HRSD integrate with external HR systems (like Workday or SAP)?

Yes, HRSD can integrate with external HR systems (such as Workday, SAP, ADP, etc.) via IntegrationHub and other integration methods. Integrations are critical for exchanging HR-related data across platforms.

Common integrations include:

- Employee data synchronization (e.g., from Workday to HR Profiles in ServiceNow)
- Payroll systems (e.g., SAP integration for payroll data)
- Onboarding data exchange
- Leave management systems integration
- HRIS systems (like BambooHR or PeopleSoft)

Integrations are handled using REST, SOAP, or flat-file methods and can automate data flow between systems.

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2. How do you use IntegrationHub in HRSD?

IntegrationHub is a platform in ServiceNow that enables out-of-box integrations as well as custom integrations between ServiceNow and external systems.

- Steps to use IntegrationHub:
    1. Identify the integration type (REST, SOAP, FTP, etc.).
    2. Use IntegrationHub spokes or Custom connectors.
    3. Create Integration Actions (e.g., making API calls to external systems).
    4. Configure Data Transformation if needed (e.g., mapping fields between ServiceNow and external HR systems).
    5. Test and deploy the integration.

Common spokes in HRSD include:

- Workday Spoke
- SAP Spoke
- LDAP Spoke

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3. What types of integrations are common in HRSD?

- Employee Profile Sync: Integration with HRIS systems (Workday, SAP, Oracle) to sync employee records with ServiceNow HR Profiles.
- Onboarding/Offboarding: Integration with third-party systems to manage tasks and documentation.
- Payroll: Integration with payroll systems (e.g., SAP, ADP) for salary, benefits, and deductions management.
- Leave of Absence: Sync leave data with external systems.
- Document Generation: Integrating with document management systems (e.g., DocuSign, Box).
- Identity and Access Management: Integration with identity providers (e.g., Active Directory, Okta).

✅ 9. Configuration and Customization

1. How do you configure an HR Service?

1. Navigate to: HR Services > All HR Services
2. Create a New HR Service and define:
    - Name (e.g., Onboarding, Benefits Inquiry)
    - Service Type (e.g., Employee Relations, Benefits)
    - Catalog Items (HR requests that belong to this service)
    - Assignment Rules (define who handles the cases related to this service)
    - SLAs and Workflows
3. Test and Activate the HR Service

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2. What is the use of HR Criteria?

HR Criteria control who can see and access specific HR services and cases based on attributes such as:

- Employee's department
- Location
- Job role

Example:

- An HR service for benefits may only be available to employees within a specific department or location.
- HR agents only see cases relevant to their assigned groups based on HR Criteria.

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3. How do you control visibility of HR Services?

Visibility of HR services can be controlled by:

- User Criteria: Define which employees can see specific services (e.g., only managers can see Leadership Development).
- HR Criteria: Restrict HR services based on employee attributes like location, job title, or employment status.
- Service Catalog: Control which HR services appear in the HR Catalog or HR Service Portal.

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4. How do you define a case topic and topic detail?

- Case Topic: Represents a broad category of HR requests (e.g., "Leave of Absence," "Payroll").
- Topic Detail: Defines the specific type of request within a topic (e.g., "Sick Leave," "Vacation").

When configuring HR Services, you define topics and details to categorize HR cases, helping with routing and reporting.

✅ 10. Real-Time Scenarios

1. How would you handle a New Hire onboarding use case in HRSD?

1. Lifecycle Event: Create an Onboarding Lifecycle Event template with tasks like:
   - Equipment provisioning (IT)
   - Welcome package (HR)
   - Access setup (Facilities)
   - Benefits enrollment (Payroll)
2. Activities: Assign tasks to HR, IT, Facilities, etc.
3. Automation: Use Flow Designer to automate steps, like sending notifications, creating tasks, and triggering HR cases.
4. Monitoring: Track progress in the HR Service Portal for managers and the new hire.

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2. If an employee raises a confidential complaint, how is the case secured?

- Sensitive Case Configuration: Set the case to be confidential (e.g., restricted to specific HR agents).
- Security Context: Use Contextual Security (HR Criteria) to ensure only HR agents with the necessary roles can view the case.
- Field-Level ACLs: Hide sensitive fields (e.g., comments, case history) from unauthorized users.
- Case Visibility: Limit access to HR Profile fields and case data based on user roles.

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3. How do you design an HR Service for Leave of Absence?

1. Create HR Service: Set up a service for Leave of Absence (e.g., Sick Leave, Maternity Leave).

2. Catalog Items: Add Leave Request items in the HR Catalog (with fields like leave type, start and end dates).
3. Workflow/Flow: Automate leave approval process (e.g., manager approval, HR review).
4. Notifications: Set up email or SMS alerts for employees and managers.
5. Assignment Rules: Ensure cases are routed to HR agents responsible for Leave of Absence.

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4. How would you report on HR Case volumes by department?

1. Create a Report: Go to Reports > Create New.
2. Select HR Case as the table.
3. Use the Department field as the grouping field.
4. Add Case State and Count as the metrics.
5. Customize filters based on active cases, resolved cases, etc.

✅ 11. Best Practices & Troubleshooting

1. What are best practices for securing HR data?

- Contextual Security: Use HR Criteria and user roles to control visibility.
- Field-Level ACLs: Restrict access to sensitive fields in the HR Profile and HR Case.
- Encryption: Use encryption for storing confidential data (e.g., documents).
- Role-Based Access: Ensure only authorized users have access to sensitive HR records.

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2. How do you troubleshoot an HR Case that doesn't assign correctly?

- Check Assignment Rules: Ensure rules are properly defined and triggered.
- Review Case Configuration: Confirm correct HR Service and Service Type are applied.
- Check HR Criteria: Verify that user criteria and HR criteria are not restricting assignment.
- Examine Flow Logs: Review logs if the case is assigned via a flow to see if any errors occurred during execution.

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3. What are common issues in HRSD implementations?

- Incorrect Configuration of HR Services: Misconfigured HR services can lead to wrong cases or poor service delivery.
- Lack of User Criteria Setup: Failure to properly configure user or HR criteria can lead to access issues.
- Unclear Role-Based Security: If roles and ACLs aren't well-defined, it can lead to data access problems.

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4. How do you debug HR workflows?

- Use Flow Logs: For Flow Designer, check the flow execution logs to pinpoint errors.
- Debugging Tools: Enable debugging for workflows and Business Rules to identify issues.
- Check Business Rules: Ensure no conflicting business rules are interfering with the workflow.
- Test Cases: Isolate the issue by creating test cases to simulate specific actions or errors.

. New Hire Onboarding

How would you configure an HR Lifecycle Event for onboarding in ServiceNow HRSD?

- Step 1: Create a Lifecycle Event template for New Hire Onboarding.
- Step 2: Set up triggers to start the event when the employee record is created or when a new hire status is assigned.
- Step 3: Link the template to the relevant HR Services, such as IT account setup, workspace assignment, and benefits enrollment.

What HR activities would you include in the onboarding lifecycle to ensure the new hire receives all necessary resources?

- IT Account Setup: Set up email, system accounts, and access to applications.
- Facilities: Assign workspace and equipment (e.g., laptop, desk).
- Benefits Enrollment: Enroll in health insurance, retirement plans, etc.
- HR Activities: Assign and track progress on each task to ensure completion.

How do you ensure that the new hire's details, like department, location, and role, are correctly populated and drive automated actions?

- HR Profile: Use the employee's HR Profile to store their department, role, and location.

- User Criteria: Link user criteria to lifecycle events to automatically trigger actions based on role or department.
- Data Population: Use Flow Designer to automatically pull data from the employee record and pre-populate fields in the onboarding forms.

What role does Flow Designer play in automating this process?

- Flow Designer automates the creation and assignment of tasks. For example, when an HR case for onboarding is created, Flow Designer can route tasks to IT, Facilities, and Benefits automatically and trigger notifications for each step in the onboarding process.

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2. Confidential HR Case

How would you secure the confidential HR case to ensure only authorized users can view it?

- Access Control Lists (ACLs): Set up ACLs on the HR Case table to restrict access based on roles (e.g., only HR agents with a specific role can view the case).
- Contextual Security: Apply context-based security, ensuring that only authorized individuals in HR or management can view sensitive case details.

What security roles and ACLs (Access Control Lists) would you configure to protect sensitive HR data?

- Roles: Create roles such as hr_user, hr_agent, hr_manager, each with varying levels of access to sensitive data.
- ACLs: Set up read/write ACLs on the sn_hr_core_case table to restrict access based on user roles and criteria.

How would you ensure visibility rules are applied so the right HR agents are assigned to such cases?

- Use Assignment Rules to assign confidential cases to specific HR agents based on criteria such as case type, department, or sensitivity.

What notifications would you set up for the employee to ensure they are informed of any updates?

- Use Notification Rules to notify the employee of status changes, case resolution, and new comments from HR agents.

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3. Leave of Absence

How would you configure a Leave of Absence HR service in ServiceNow?

- HR Service Setup: Create a Leave of Absence HR service in the Service Catalog.
- Flow Setup: Use Flow Designer to define the leave approval process, including leave balance validation and routing to managers.

What HR activities are needed to track the leave request, approval, and associated tasks (like notifying payroll)?

- HR Activities: Configure tasks like verifying leave balance, requesting manager approval, updating the employee's profile, and notifying payroll.

How would you automate the process of leave balance verification?

- Use Flow Designer to create a flow that verifies the employee's leave balance by pulling data from the HR Profile or a separate leave management table.

What workflow or flow would you use to ensure the leave request is routed to the appropriate manager for approval?

- Approval Workflow: Use Flow Designer to create an approval process that routes the request to the employee's manager for approval and sends a notification once the request is approved.

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4. Employee Benefits Enrollment

How would you set up the benefits enrollment process in the HRSD module?

- HR Services: Create catalog items and HR services for each benefit option (e.g., health insurance, retirement).
- Lifecycle Event: Link these catalog items to a Lifecycle Event to automate benefits enrollment based on eligibility.

What catalog items and HR services would you create to handle the employee requests for different benefits?

- Catalog Items: Create individual catalog items for each benefit type (e.g., Medical Insurance, Retirement Plans).
- HR Services: Define HR services for each benefit plan, ensuring the employee can select the options via the portal.

How would you use Lifecycle Events to automate the benefits enrollment based on employee eligibility or department?

- Use Lifecycle Event Templates to automate the process. For example, you can set conditions based on the employee's department or role to trigger the benefits enrollment process.

How do you ensure that the employee receives a confirmation once their benefit choices are processed?

- Use Notifications to send confirmation emails upon successful benefit enrollment.

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5. Offboarding Process

How would you create an offboarding HR service that includes all necessary tasks?

- HR Service Setup: Create a dedicated offboarding HR service in the Service Catalog that includes various tasks like equipment collection, exit interviews, and access deactivation.

What HR activities would you include for departments such as IT, Facilities, and HR in the offboarding workflow?

- IT Tasks: Disable system access, return equipment.
- Facilities Tasks: Retrieve company property, deactivate access to physical locations.
- HR Tasks: Conduct exit interview, update HR profile.

How would you ensure that the employee's access to systems and applications is revoked in a timely manner?

- Use Flow Designer to automate access revocation by triggering workflows that disable accounts and revoke access when the offboarding case reaches certain milestones.

What notifications and tasks need to be automated for the HR agents to track the offboarding progress?

- Notifications: Alert HR agents when tasks are completed or when an issue arises.
- Tasks: Track all offboarding tasks (e.g., return of company equipment, exit interview completion) using Task SLA to ensure timely completion.

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6. HR Case Routing Based on Department

How would you configure HR case routing to ensure the right team handles the case based on the department?

- Use Assignment Rules in combination with User Criteria to ensure HR cases are routed to the correct team based on the employee's department.

What assignment rules would you create to automatically assign cases to the correct HR agents?

- Set up rules that check the department of the employee or the type of case, and route it accordingly (e.g., IT-related cases go to IT HR agents).

How would you use user criteria and HR criteria to filter and route cases effectively?

- User Criteria: Use user criteria to check employee attributes (e.g., department, role).

- HR Criteria: Apply HR-specific rules to filter and route cases.

How would you ensure the HR case SLA is tracked according to the department's needs?

- Set department-specific SLAs to ensure timely resolution based on the case type and department.

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7. HR Profile Management

How would you update the employee's HR profile and ensure that the changes are reflected across the system?

- Profile Update: Use Flow Designer or HR Activities to update the employee's HR profile and trigger updates to other systems (e.g., payroll).

What workflows or flow designer actions would you configure to notify departments like payroll or benefits about the update?

- Use Flow Designer to automate notifications to relevant departments when changes are made to the HR profile.

How would you ensure that only authorized HR agents can update sensitive information in the HR Profile?

- Use Access Control Lists (ACLs) and Role-based Security to restrict access to sensitive profile fields.

What notifications would be triggered for the employee and HR agents upon a successful update?

- Send a notification to the employee confirming their HR profile update and a notification to HR agents for review.

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8. HR Service Request Approval Workflow

How would you configure the HR service request in the Service Catalog?

- Catalog Items: Create a catalog item for the HR service request, including necessary fields and approval requirements.

How would you set up an approval workflow for HR service requests that require manager approval?

- Use Flow Designer to create a multi-step approval process that includes routing the request to the manager for approval.

What task assignments and SLAs would you configure for the approval process?

- Use Task SLA to track the approval process. Assign tasks to both HR and the manager, ensuring that the process completes within a set timeframe.

How do you ensure that the approval process is streamlined and provides clear visibility to both HR agents and employees?

- Use Notifications to update employees and HR agents on the approval status, ensuring everyone involved is informed at each stage.